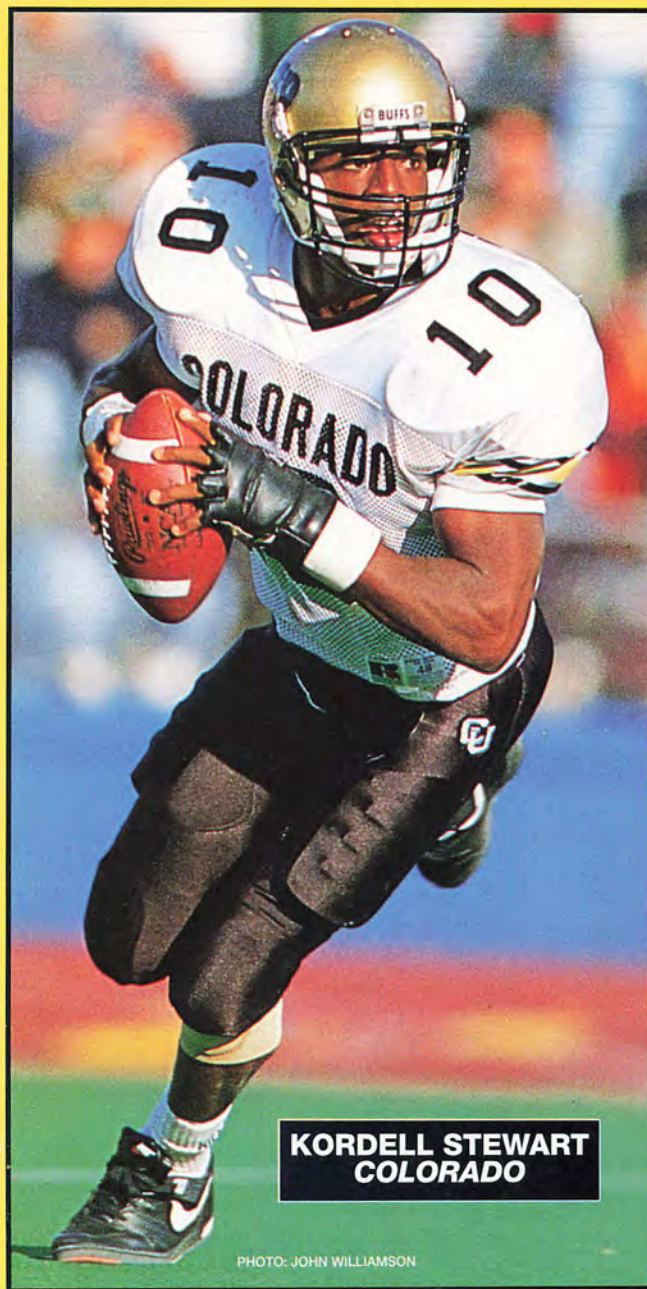


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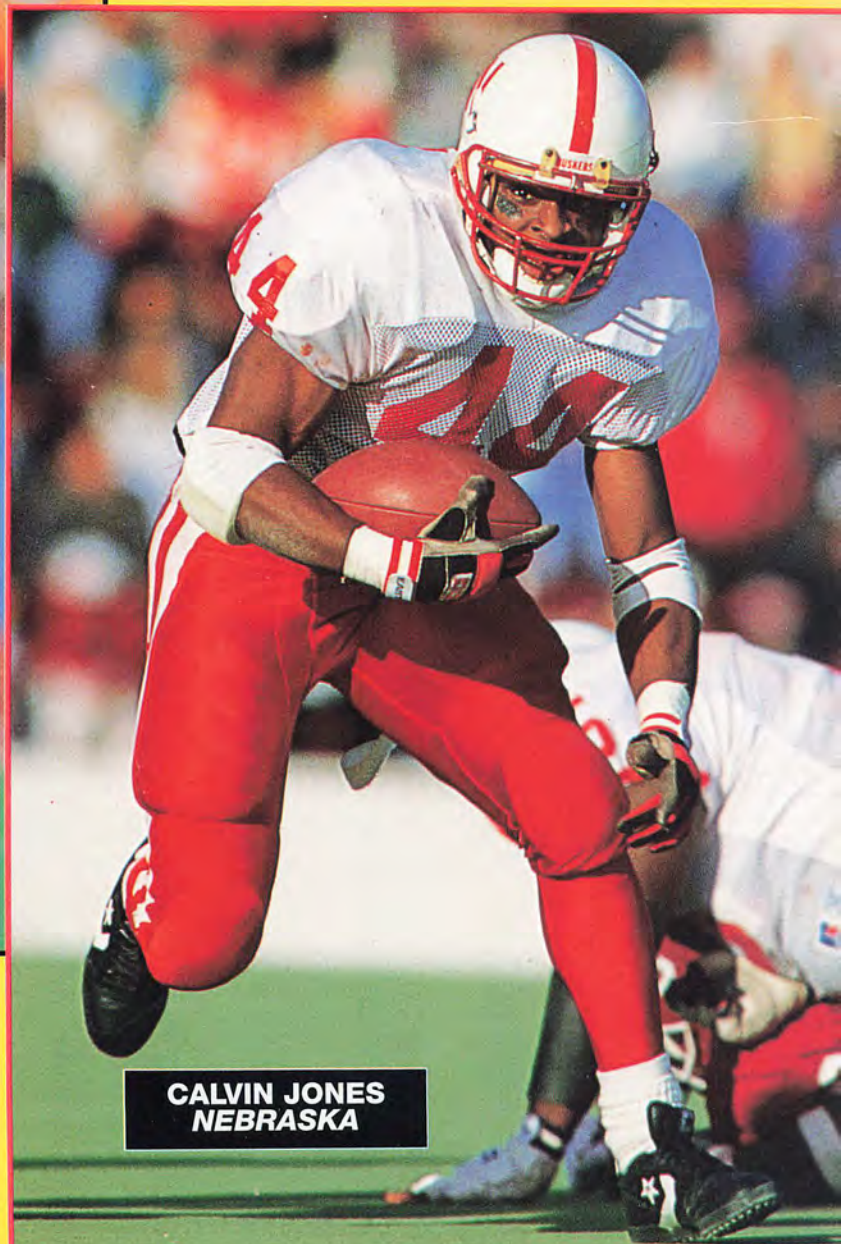


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terback Jay Barker's first seven tosses were picked off. Alabama's all-everything linemen, John Copeland and Eric Curry, were their usual dominant forces. Not until the second quarter did Miami's rushing stats reach plus-yardage.

The night's most spectacular play was a grand theft by Tide defensive back George Teague. Miami wide receiver Lamar Thomas was well behind enemy lines before Teague caught him from the rear and stole the ball. Although a penalty flag officially nullified the play, Teague's heist prevented a huge gain

that would've been a certain score against anyone else.

By that juncture in the third quarter even six points weren't going to alter the outcome. Whatever suspense remained was dashed earlier when Teague stole a Torretta pass and sprinted 31 yards to the end zone. With 5:04 elapsed in the third period, the scoreboard read Alabama 27, Miami 6. Hey, kids, it's late. Time for bed.

Stallings departed the Superdome field on the shoulders of his athletes as the football coach with the best winning percentage (.838) in his school's history.

## LIVING IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

Before visiting New Orleans, fate seemed to be on Miami's side.

Arizona, a 27-point underdog that later ended Washington's 22-game winning streak, would've upset the Canes had Steve McLaughlin's 51-yard field goal attempt not sailed inches wide.

Critical field goal misses by Florida State and Penn State gave Miami a pair of three-point wins. A Torretta-to-Thomas 33-yard touchdown pass helped to hand FSU its 13th loss out of



Heath Shuler scampered for two touchdowns and threw for two more in the Volunteers' historic Hall of Fame Bowl victory. It was the first win for Phillip Fulmer as head coach after replacing Johnny Majors.

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Only three Pac-10 losses marred Washington State's 1992 campaign. Running back Shaunae Wright-Fair consistently carried the ball for huge gains.

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With quarterback Terry Jordan running the show, North Carolina State fashioned a six-game winning streak that resulted in a Gator Bowl date with Mississippi State.

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Coach Gary Moeller's record in the Rose Bowl blossomed to 1-1 after the Wolverines outdueled Washington, 38-31. A .500 record isn't much, but it's better than what two legendary Michigan coaches, Woody Hayes and Bo Schembechler, posted.

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toughest task of 1992 wasn't Pat Dye telling his Auburn Tigers in midseason he was resigning. It wasn't even Earl Bruce trying to convince his bosses all those punches were really love taps. No, the most difficult assignment was tackled by Heisman voters who—according to custom—had to cast a ballot for someone.

Torretta's performances against good teams were stormy. Marshall Faulk's team, San Diego State, was destroyed by top opposition, and because of an injury he didn't even play against Miami, making his 163 yards per game a somewhat suspect stat. Great defensive players (see Florida State's Marvin Jones or Miami's Micheal Barrow) can't win because they're great defensive players.

So the winner was...

The chap who threw all those interceptions on New Year's Day. Give credit to the guys in red. There may be no "d" in Alabama, but there's a very big D in Crimson Tide. Even without linebacker Michael Rogers (who was seriously injured in a Christmas Eve auto accident) the Alabama defense outscored Miami's offense, 7-6.

Interceptions by Sam Shade and Tommy Johnson led to Bama's first two

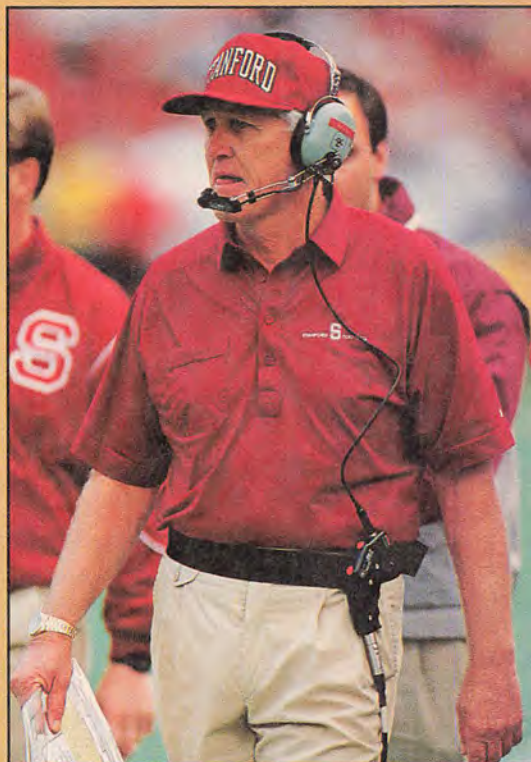
touchdowns. Torretta was harassed by a defense that was constantly in his face after showing more different looks at the line of scrimmage than Michael Jackson. That Miami trailed only 13-6 at intermission was due to two long Dave Prewitt field goals, a creative officiating decision and Miami's tough red zone defense.

With the suspect Hurricane offensive line already in trouble, Derrick Lassic ran the Miami defense ragged, rushed for 135 yards, including the one-yard touchdown after Johnson's interception.

Lassic, who hails from the most un-Bama-like environs of upstate New York, received a hero's welcome upon returning to Haverstraw Village as the Sugar Bowl's MVP. His Village Hall escort included five fire engines, a police car and an ambulance. His parents and most of his 17 siblings attended as the mayor presented a plaque.

### GIVE THE D AN "A"

Lassic notwithstanding, most of Alabama's key plays were made on the other side of the ball. Both teams' offensive shortcomings were apparent early on: Alabama couldn't pass, and Miami couldn't run. Two of Tide quar-



**Bill Walsh claimed great defense was his team's strength. The Cardinal proved him right by holding Penn State without a touchdown in a Blockbuster Bowl victory—the first time the Nittany Lions were denied all season.**

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**USC'S 6-4-1 regular-season record plus an upset loss to Fresno State in the Freedom Bowl was enough to prompt school officials to give Coach Larry Smith a way out.**

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**Although playing on a team known for its "Desert Swarm" defense, receiver Terry Vaughn contributed offensive punch, helping Arizona topple highly ranked Washington during the regular season.**

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**In Northern California's annual gridiron civil war Stanford came out on top of the Cal Bears, 41-21.**

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Miami fans seemed confident of their team's success during 1992. However, Alabama spoiled the 'Canes bid for another unbeaten season.

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# 1992 Revisited

## Crimson Tide Rolls To A Sweet Victory In Sugar Bowl's Battle For No. 1

In a year in which Dixie put a native son in the White House and also dominated college football, it's fitting that the school that epitomized the region's pigskin excellence in the '70s should win the national title in '92. Led by Head Coach Gene Stallings' dominating defense, Alabama was a unanimous choice in all the major polls. This came after unbeaten and top-rated Miami was a one-touchdown favorite in everybody's Sugar Bowl lineup. Even without an aerial game, Alabama cruised, 34-13, en route to establishing itself as the nation's No. 1 team.

The two top candidates, however, each boasted players wearing uniform No. 2 who had an impact on determining which team would finish No. 1. The No. 2 in the red shirt was David Palmer,

Alabama's electrifying return specialist with the Jose Canseco habit of being equally dangerous on a field or behind the wheel of a car. Miami's No. 2 was kamikaze-style freshman linebacker Rohan Marley, son of Bob Marley—the late legendary reggae artist.

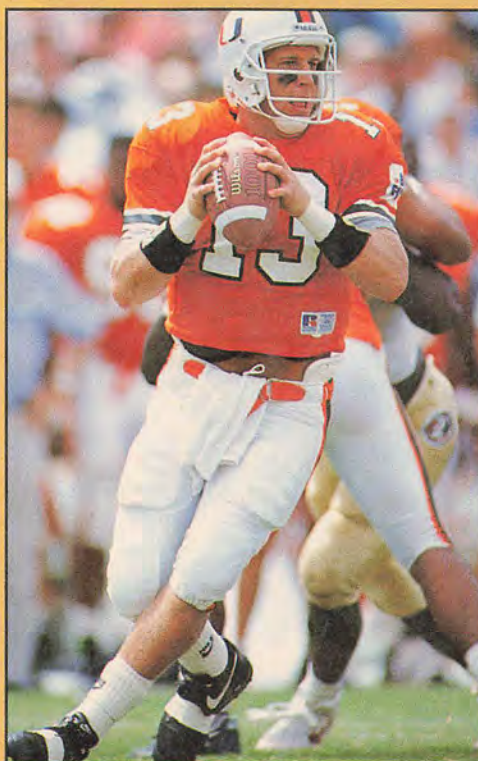
Palmer struck first. After Alabama's D made its opening statement, the Crimson Tide kick returner ran a punt back 38 yards to the Miami 24. Alabama had to settle for a field goal, but the tone of the contest had been determined.

It had been set on both sides of the ball. Miami quarterback Gino Torretta's efforts to move the Hurricanes were constantly sabotaged by critical turnovers. His tormenters from Tuscaloosa proved that the



'Bama's George Teague terrorized opposing quarterbacks and picked off six regular-season interceptions in addition to being superb against the run.

PHOTO: BOB ROSATO



Gino Torretta had enough big-game victories to cement his hold on the 1992 Heisman. As a two-year starter at Miami, Torretta suffered but one defeat.

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The Texas A&M Aggies seemed always to be a step behind tailback Reggie Brooks as the Irish ran away with a 28-3 Cotton Bowl win. Brooks had a game-high 115 yards.

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# College Football 1993

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1993 promises to be exciting. There'll be something in it to satisfy the sports appetite of everyone—casual fan or hard-core, flag-waving alum—and *Petersen's College Football Preview* is the best way to keep abreast of all that's happening on and off the field of play.

Unlike President Clinton, who has maybe only four years to get a lot of things accomplished, we can't be accused of trying to do too much. Unlike the prez we have 176 pages, and though we've put a lot on your plate, there's no hurry to take it all in. In fact, we suggest you take your time and enjoy the meal.

We begin with a look back at last season, chronicling the ups and downs in "1992 Revisited." This article is crammed with facts and detailed accounts spotlighting personalities and events that shaped the season and helped make it one to remember or to forget, depending on your point of view. For Alabama, of course, it was a very good year. For former champ Washington, and a few other teams, it was a forgettable one in many respects.

Carrying the nostalgia theme a bit further, we offer "Thanks For The Memories." It's a striking pictorial tribute to the young stars of the sport who've shined brightly for four years, in the process making the game as exciting as ever. As a reward for their efforts, many of those we profiled will showcase their talents in the NFL. Those not lucky enough to make the big time will nevertheless have big-time memories to cherish for years.

For years in sports there's been no greater debate than trying to determine who's the best. Writer Darryl Howerton poses the question to Hall of Fame quarterback Bob Griese for the purpose of "Rating The Quarterbacks." Griese offers comments and critiques the best passers in college. This article seems well-timed because 1992 saw the loss of several premier passers such as Elvis Grbac and Rick Mirer, among others. Yet, as you'll discover after reading the piece, the QB cupboard is far from empty.

Now that the Chicago Bulls have "three-peated," some of you might be wondering if such a feat can be accomplished in college football. At the present time it can't happen. However, we

could have a repeat champion. That's if Alabama can extend last season's success. Author Craig Ellenport analyzes the Tide and handicaps its chances in "Roll Tide!" Of course, a lot has to go right for the Tide, and Ellenport lets us know if it will roll on or roll back. Check it out.

Contrary to what most in Tuscaloosa might think, 'Bama isn't the only team to watch during the 1993 season. What about the others? In one of our out-of-this-world features we consult the tried and proven Crystal Ball in an attempt to identify the 25 best teams in football from a daunting cluster of 107 Division I powers. We dare to peer into the unknown, then climb out on a limb to shout the virtues of Florida State as America's top team. Only time will tell if we'll be saying, "We're sorry," or boasting, "We told you so."

Speaking of virtuous teams, if you fancy the Southern California Trojans, Texas Longhorns or Oklahoma Sooners, you know there hasn't been a lot to cheer about the past few years. What's happened? Is parity of talent the reason for the drop-off in success of these historically powerful teams? In "Lost Glory" Michael Bradley discusses the steps being taken to put these teams back on the winning track. Each hungers to revisit the old days, but which will finally regain lost glory?

Although college football is a colorful game filled with smiling cheerleaders, sunshine and roly-poly mascots who keep you laughing and your mind off everyday life, there exist some serious issues in the sport worth exploring as well. Even though its manicured fields of play in Michigan, Southern California and other places are peppered with players representing all races and creeds, the coaches who teach these kids the joys of competition and about life in general are predominantly white. "Blackout," a sincere, thought-provoking article co-authored by Russell R. Holster Jr. and Darryl Howerton, examines a situation that's languished behind the scenes far too long. It's an important piece of writing, and maybe because of it or the awareness it raises, college football will see the number of African-American head coaches rise from the current three in Division I-A to many more.

A lot to digest, you say. Good. We suggest you find a nice, comfortable chair, and thumb through the 1993 *Petersen's College Football Preview*. We think you'll have a good time and like what you see.

Raymond Harper, Associate Editor

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the 17 games in which it led Miami after three quarters.

Miami's 16-10 triumph at Syracuse wasn't sealed until Casey Greer tackled Chris Godfrey on the Hurricane three-yard line in the game's final play. That prompted Torretta to utter the best backfire quote since George Bush asked us to read his lips. Said Gino of his lackluster performance that afternoon, "I'll take a national championship over a Heisman any day of the week."

Although the Hurricanes officially slipped to No. 3 in the final polls (behind Alabama and FSU), Miami's

season-long perseverance in the face of ongoing tragedies bordered on inspirational. Among the heartaches: Hurricane Andrew's physical and emotional destruction, the deaths of former coach Walt Kichefski and former players Jerome Brown and Shane Curry, along with the absence of Stephen McGuire and Rusty Medearis because of major knee injuries.

With its 29-game winning streak but a memory, at least Miami had some consolation it wasn't alone. Alabama's D had stepped it up all year. In critical moments cornerback Antonio Langham consistently auditioned for

the starring role in *It Takes a Thief*.

After returning a blocked punt for a touchdown against Mississippi State, Langham broke up a scoreless tie with a 61-yard interception return to spur a 17-0 win over Auburn in Dye's curtain call. Alabama's 21-7 lead vanished in the inaugural Southeastern Conference title game to Florida, the last team to have beaten the Crimson Tide.

Just as Florida was about to spoil the Sugar Bowl's dream match, up stepped Langham. A Shane Matthews-to-Monty Duncan sideline route was detoured by the junior defender, who dashed 26 yards for the deciding score.



So long, coach. Pat Dye's swan-song season at the helm of Auburn football produced a mediocre 5-5-1 overall record.

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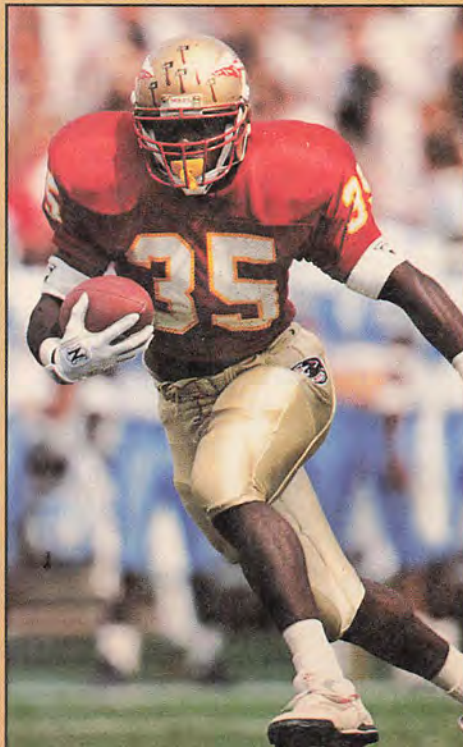
Native pomp and circumstance were an added attraction for those who attended the Aloha Bowl in Honolulu.

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North Carolina utilized an I-formation running attack, and guard Shawn Hooker was one of its most talented front men.

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If only they could beat Miami. A stellar season for Florida State, nonetheless. Sean Jackson contributed nearly 500 yards rushing.

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The final on-field exams, more commonly known as bowl games, were passed by the other two Sunshine State representatives with high marks. Also aching the course were Michigan, Notre Dame, Syracuse, Georgia and Stanford.

Stanford? While Mr. Ripley is at it, would you believe that Wake Forest also won a bowl game while Rice and Kansas finished above .500? Even those improbabilities pale compared to the task of determining a national champion.

Toward that end the College Football Bowl Coalition married four prominent New Year's Day extravaganzas with 56 schools. While the marquee match was produced, the anticipated clash of No. 3 vs. No. 4 was undermined when Cotton Bowl officials decided Nielsen ratings counted more than those of the Associated Press.

As the third-ranked team, Florida State deserved to face fourth-ranked Texas A&M. The Seminoles were ignored in favor of inviting Notre Dame. It appears Lou Holtz's team has a headlock on special considerations. So snubbed, the Seminoles' Charlie Ward and company were forced to strut their stuff against Nebraska in the relative anonymity of the Orange Bowl on NBC (as in Nobody Basically Cares).

When it comes to bowling, even Dave Ferraro can't match FSU, which captured a record eighth straight post-season contest, this time by a 27-14 count. The winners built a 20-point cushion and put it on cruise control after Ward tossed a pair of first-half touchdowns.

There must be something about the Central Time Zone that ruins the day after. Maybe it's seeing that ball descend above Times Square at 11 o'clock that does it. Ohio State has now lost four straight bowl contests, people draw straws for the right to face Nebraska, and who can remember the last time Texas A&M found its way into someone else's end zone New Year's Day?

Undefeated—with three ties—Michigan bucked the trend. The Big Ten (or is it Big Eleven?) representatives defeated Washington, 38-31, in Pasadena. The smallest Rose Bowl gathering since Ike was in the White House witnessed what was arguably the day's most exciting contest. Washington's breakfast turned out to be Creamed of Wheatley. The

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Michigan running back scored on runs of 88, 56 and 24 yards as Tyrone Wheatley accounted for all but 73 of Michigan's 308 rushing yards.

Washington's Mark Brunell passed for 308 yards and two touchdowns to secure a 31-24 edge before the Huskies fell apart like former teammate Billy Joe Hobert's finances. After Wheatley's third touchdown run, Elvis (Wolverine quarterback Grbac, that is) put his stamp on the game. Grbac's 15-yard touchdown toss on third down to Tony McGee proved to be the decisive score. Washington's 16-3 loss to



**Mike Chalenski performed well throughout his collegiate career with the Bruins. However, last season UCLA failed to receive a bowl bid.**

**A workhorse, if there ever was one. Tailback Natrone Means spearheaded a ground attack that thrust the Tar Heels into prominence as a national football power.**

PHOTO: JEFF FISHBEIN



Arizona after an 8-0 start set off three defeats in a four-game slide.

All in all, it was a miserable holiday season for the Pac-10. A 24-7 loss to underdog Fresno State gave the once-proud USC Trojans four setbacks in their last five outings. A promising start that included beating Oklahoma in Norman and Washington State ended with a 6-5-1 mark that meant *adios* to Head Coach Larry Smith and hello again to John Robinson.

Notre Dame manhandled the Aggies, 28-3. Texas A&M's bid to join Alabama as the first 13-0 teams since the 1984 BYU squad was undercut by suspensions of four players, including leading rusher Greg Hill. Reggie Brooks and Jerome Bettis led Notre Dame's 290-yard ground attack. Notwithstanding Head Coach Lou Holtz's giddy post-game remarks, his squad's national title hopes had long

since been undermined in South Bend when his team seemingly settled for a tie with Michigan and lost big to Stanford.

The Irish did beat Penn State in a 17-16 thriller in that series' curtain call. Quarterback Rick Mirer found a diving Brooks for a two-point conversion after having hit Bettis with a fourth-down touchdown toss with 20 seconds remaining.

Florida overwhelmed N.C. State, 27-10, in a dense fog in the Gator Bowl. Running back Errict Rhett rushed for 182 yards and caught seven of Matthews' tosses for another 60 yards. Florida forced 11 punts, intercepted two passes and recovered a fumble.

Georgia became one of five SEC representatives to win a Bowl. Garrison Hearst bulldogged past Ohio State for a pair of touchdowns and 163 rushing yards for a 21-14 Citrus decision. Eight of Eric Zeier's 21 completions (242 yards) were to Andre Hastings as Georgia enjoyed its first 10-win season since 1983.

In addition to Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi (which beat Air Force, 13-0, in miserable weather in the Liberty Bowl), Tennessee held up its league's honor. Heath Shuler shredded Boston College as he completed 18 of 23 passes for two touchdowns and ran for two more in the Vol's 38-23 Hall of Fame Bowl win. Two late, irrelevant Eagle touchdowns made the score deceptively respectable.

Tennessee came up with the type of big-yardage plays that had helped it overwhelm Florida, 31-14, in September. The Vols' nine-win season was marred only by a streak of heartbreaking defeats to Arkansas (25-24), Alabama (17-10) and South Carolina (24-23).

For BC fans it could've been worse. Surely, theirs was the only team that could play on New Year's Day after having absorbed a 54-7 shellacking, courtesy of Notre Dame. Naturally, the losing bowl coach was rewarded with a contract extension at a sweeter rate. Thus ended persistent rumors that Tom Coughlin would fill the New York Giants job vacancy.

The Price was also right at Washington State, where dad Mike's job was made more secure by a 6-0 start fueled by son Aaron's last-minute 47-yard field goal in a 23-20 defeat of Arizona in Tucson. Shaumbe Wright-Fair hit the end zone three times in a



blizzard when State upset hated rival Washington, 42-23.

## MAJOR SIDELINE SHAKE-UPS

Their luck notwithstanding, 1992 was an extremely tough autumn for the coaching fraternity. Johnny Majors watched his Tennessee team win the Hall of Fame Bowl from his living room. His mistake was to have heart surgery without first checking to see if his bosses needed a heart transplant. One day Majors was negotiating a contract extension and another he was displaced by Phillip Fulmer.

There were player revolts at Memphis State and South Carolina. Jack Crowe was immediately shown the door for allowing Arkansas to lose to The Citadel. Wounded by Ramseygate and back-to-back disappointing seasons, Auburn's Pat Dye resigned as head coach.

At least they fared better than a certain bull. Jackie Sherrill's idea of an "educational" way to fire up his team for Texas made as much sense as wearing a fur coat to a rally of animal rights activists. Mississippi State was castrated as the only one of six SEC teams to lose in the post-season. North Carolina spotted the bulldozers a 14-0 edge before rallying for a 21-17 Peach Bowl win. Sherlock Holmes would've called it "The Case of the Avenged Bovine." More justice: Houston, which ran up a 95-21 score over SMU three years ago, got its come-uppance, 41-16.

Not all high-profile sideline sages suffered in 1992. Bill Walsh led Stanford to its first double-digit winning season since 1940. The Cardinal, which plays in January about as often as Democrats move into 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, finished at 10-3. Stanford destroyed Penn State, 24-3, in the Blockbuster Bowl. To think this is a school whose previous most memorable football moment involved the marching band on a play that had more laterals by Californians than a Gov. Pete Wilson budget.

A wild comeback allowed Bill Dooley to exit on the shoulders of his players and gave Wake Forest its first post-season win in 46 years. Six Demon Deacon turnovers by the middle of the third quarter conspired to give Oregon a 29-10 lead before the Ducks fell apart in the Independence Bowl. Todd Dixon caught two TD passes to spark Wake Forest's 39-35 win. Dixon's fantastic grab fueled an 18-15 win over Clemson

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to allow Dooley to exit Groves Stadium for the last time with his first Tiger taming in 16 tries.

Baylor's farewell gift to Coach Grant Teaff was a 20-15 John Hancock Bowl conquest of Arizona. Flanker Melvin Bonner caught touchdown tosses of 61 and 69 yards to earn game MVP honors, but it was the late goal-line stands and fumble recoveries by the Bears defense that made the difference.



**Patrick Bates, latest in a long line of stellar Aggie defensive backs, left school after his junior year to play in the NFL.**

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON

Syracuse proved the Big East isn't all just for hoops anymore. The Orange parlayed Kirby Dar Dar's 100-yard kickoff return into a 26-22 win over Colorado at the Fiesta Bowl. Judging by the playing surface, they ought to rename this one the Beach Bowl.

## MANY MEMORABLE MOMENTS

As for regular-season upsets, 17-point underdog TCU shocked Texas, 23-14. After Nebraska slaughtered Colorado and Kansas by a combined score of 101-14, the Horned Frogs lost as a 29-point choice to Iowa State, 19-10. Iowa State was involved in one of the year's most dramatic comebacks, albeit on the wrong side. After leading, 47-21, it lost to Kansas, 50-47.

At least Iowa State had plenty of

company. Clemson beat Virginia, 29-28, after trailing 28-0 in Charlottesville. Syracuse scored the game's final 18 points to overcome Texas, 31-21. Stanford's 33-16 win in South Bend included spotting the hosts a 16-0 edge. Rutgers overcame a 28-7 disadvantage to dispatch Virginia Tech, 50-49.

The year's most exciting game may have been the annual Army-Navy affair. That series is now deadlocked (43-43-7), thanks to the cool of Patmon Malcom. After his game-winning 44-yard field goal was negated by a delay of game call, Malcom calmly split the uprights from 49 yards with 12 seconds remaining. That gave Army a 25-24 victory after it had the Midshipmen, 24-7.

One thousand proved to be a lucky number. Winning their milestone games were Syracuse (41-10 over Pittsburgh, thanks to two Qadry Ismail touchdowns) and Michigan (63-13 over Minnesota).

Speaking of landmarks, 100 years of black intercollegiate football was commemorated as Johnson C. Smith University beat Livingstone College, 14-6, on Oct. 17. In the Heritage Bowl Grambling put the finishing touches on a 10-2 campaign with a 45-15 romp over Florida A&M. Alex Perkins threw a pair of touchdown passes after Eric Gant opened the scoring for the winners on a 35-yard romp on the game's fifth play.

Enjoying the home-field advantage throughout the playoffs, despite having finished second to The Citadel in the Southern Conference, Marshall University captured Division I-AA honors. The Thundering

Herd eliminated Delaware, 28-7, and beat Youngstown State, 31-28. Marshall squandered a 28-0 lead, but won the title game when Willy Merrick hit from 28 yards with 10 seconds remaining on his first collegiate field goal.

Jacksonville State's 17-13 decision over Pittsburgh State made it the Division II king. Wisconsin-La Crosse took the Division III title when it defeated Washington and Jefferson, 16-12.

Our 1992 Chutzpah Award goes to Ohio State's Robert Smith. After complaining bitterly about how football's time demands were interfering with his education, he left school prematurely to become eligible for the NFL draft. The aforementioned Earl Bruce, for his tear-soaked role playing the innocent, received our Silver Medal.



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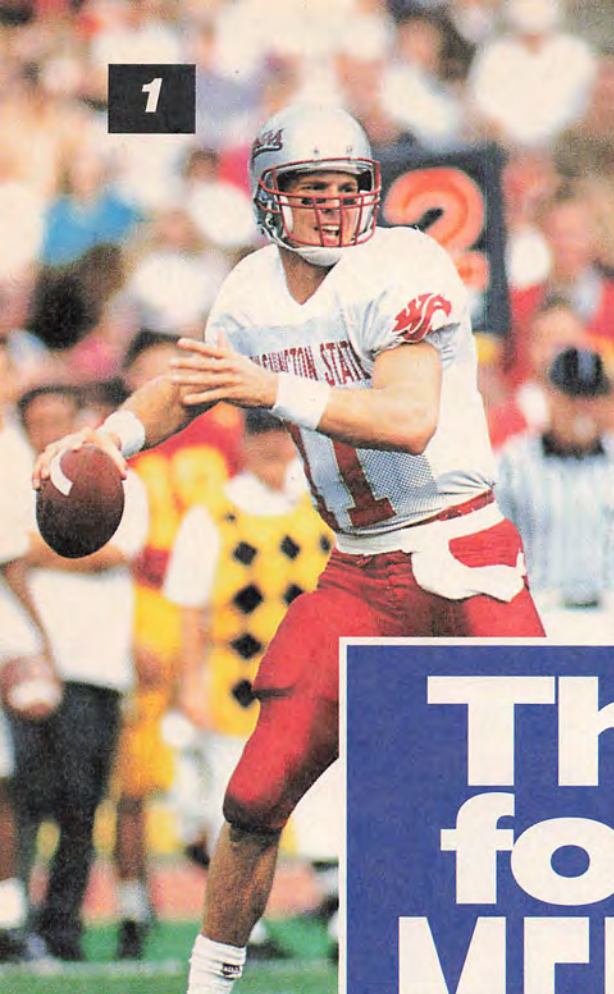


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1. Washington State's Drew Bledsoe passed on his senior year, enabling him to become the top pick in the NFL draft.

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2. Derek Brown helped Nebraska run to the top of the NCAA charts in team rushing offense (328.2 yards per game).

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON

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3. Elvis was at the top of the charts again as the Michigan quarterback named Grbac led the nation in passing efficiency.

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4. Oklahoma's Reggie Barnes missed four games in '92, but the former All-Big Eight linebacker played big in games when healthy.

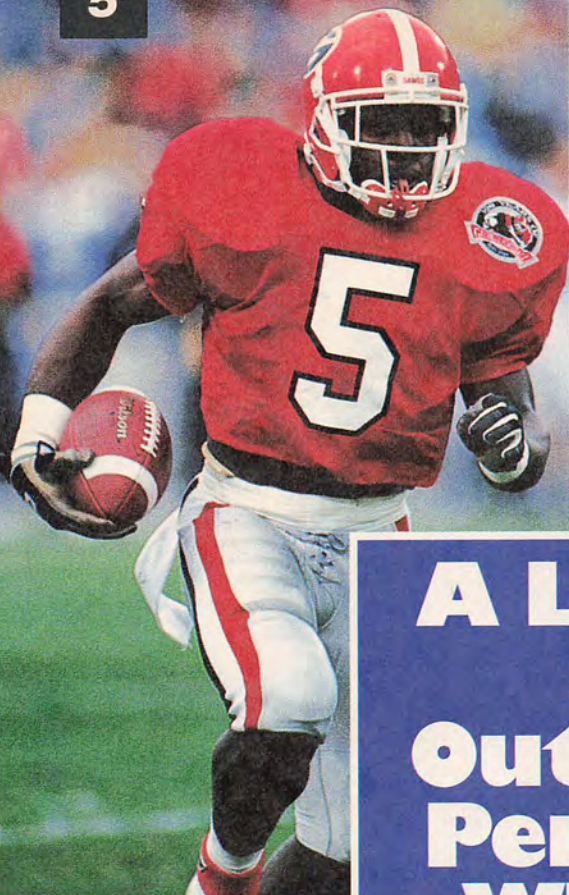
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5. Georgia's Garrison Hearst made a strong run for the '92 Heisman, finishing third in the balloting.

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6. Georgia Tech's Coleman Rudolph fought through a 5-6 season and became a first-team All-American and Lombardi Award semi-finalist.

PHOTO: BOB ROSATO

## A Look Back at the Outstanding Performers Who Made 1992 a Season to Remember



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7. Pitt's Alex Van Pelt passed for 300 yards five times, but Gino Torretta and Marvin Graves kept him from receiving All-Big East status.

PHOTO: TOM DPACE



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8. Kevin Williams and his Miami Hurricane teammates stood alone as the best pass-receiving corps in the nation in 1992.

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9. Nebraska's first-team All-American guard Will Shields straight-up knocked linemen out en route to winning the Outland Award.

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**10. Florida's Shane Matthews** excelled in Coach Steve Spurrier's Fun-N-Gun offense, earning All-Southeastern Conference honors.

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**11. Curtis Conway** first made a name for himself on the national scene in '92 as a big-play breaking receiver for USC.

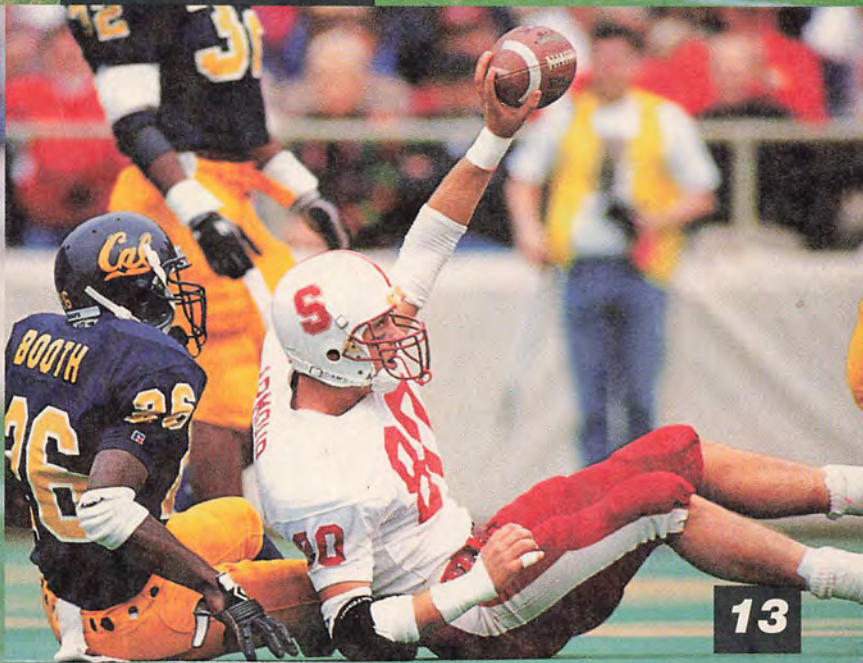
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**12. Penn State's O.J. McDuffie** was a young quarterback's best friend when the talented receiver took off with 63 passes from Kerry Collins and others.

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**13. At 6-6, 215 pounds, tight end Justin Armour** came up big for Stanford quarterback Steve Stenstrom under Coach Bill Walsh's multiple-option system.

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**14.** Opponents had a hard time containing Notre Dame's Jerome Bettis, who teamed with Reggie Brooks for a powerful 1-2 combo.

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**15.** For a big man Colorado defensive tackle Leonard Renfro could fly like an eagle, yet still bang bodies like a buffalo.

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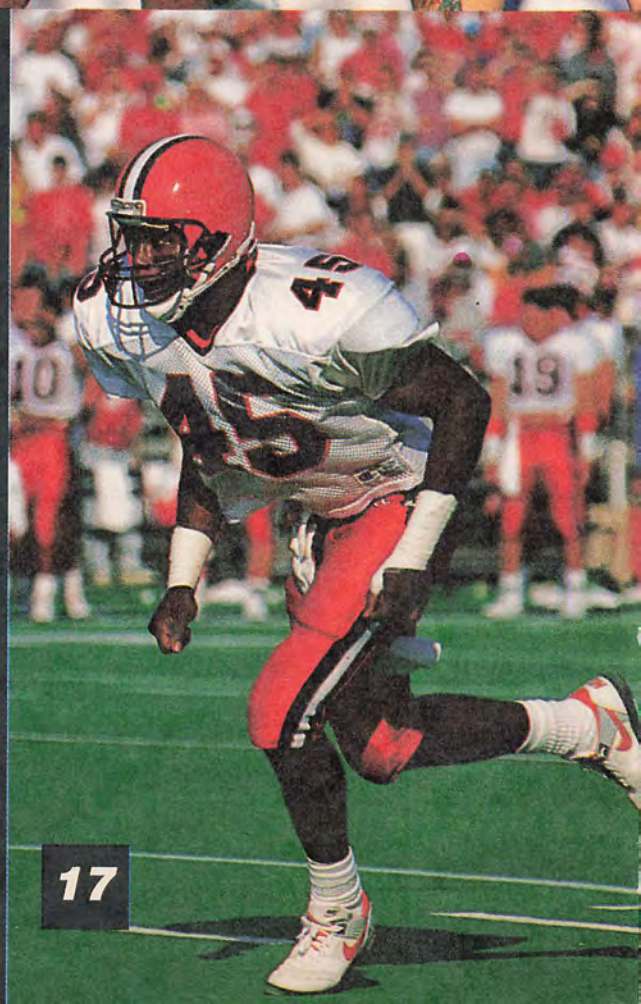


**16.** Mark Brunell became the full-time QB after Billy Joe Hobert's NCAA violations sent Washington into a downward spiral.

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**17.** Syracuse's Qadry Ismail showed he could rocket past opponents via rush (217 yards), receptions (625) or returns (378) in '92.

PHOTO: TODD LOWE





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18. In 1992 Florida State All-American Marvin Jones claimed the Butkus and Lombardi trophies as the country's best linebacker and lineman.

PHOTO: TOM D'PACE



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19. Richie Anderson fought for 900 yards as the focus in a Penn State offense that also featured the skills of McDuffie.

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20. Boston College's 5-9 tailback Chuckie Dukes scampered at the pace of 126 yards per game, ranking fourth in the nation.

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21. Rick Mirer had many admirers, even in Notre Dame's balanced offensive attack, and he went second in the NFL draft.

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22. Only one running back in the nation asked for the ball more than Trevor Cobb, who carried it 279 times for 1,386 yards at Rice.

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23. UCLA's Othello Henderson earned All-Pac 10 honors for a talented Bruin secondary and then packed it in early for an NFL career.

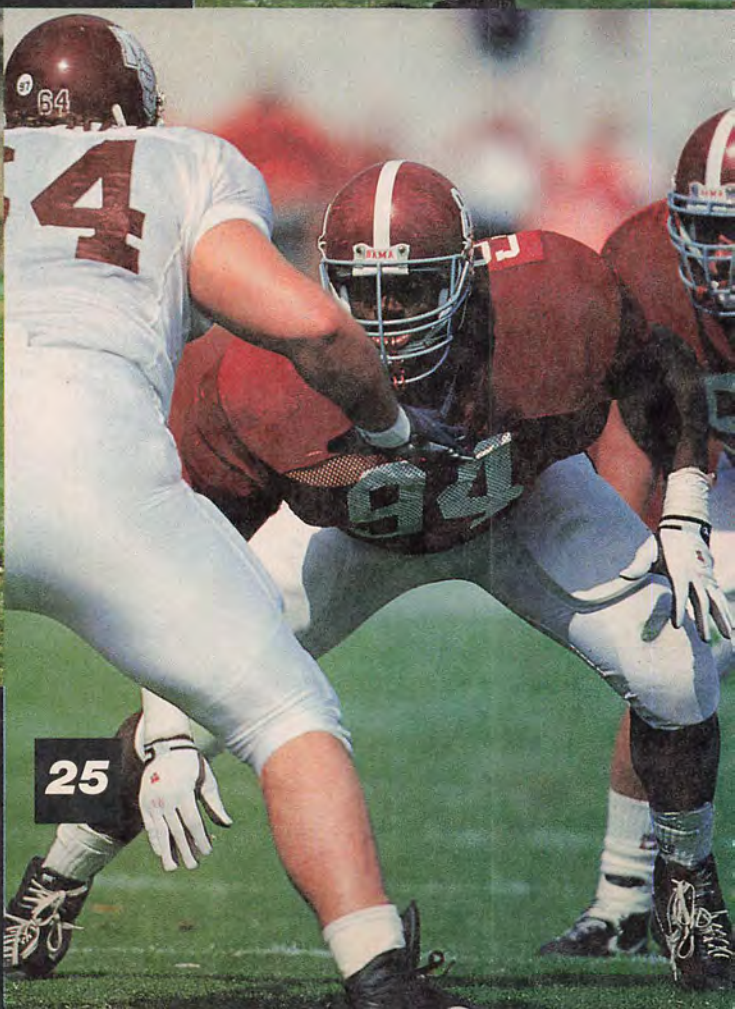
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24. Michigan All-Big Ten center Steve Everitt was one of the leaders in the Wolverines' 9-0-3 season.

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25. John Copeland and his Alabama defensive linemen plugged holes and shut down opponents' running games, limiting them to a nation-leading 1.7 yards per carry.

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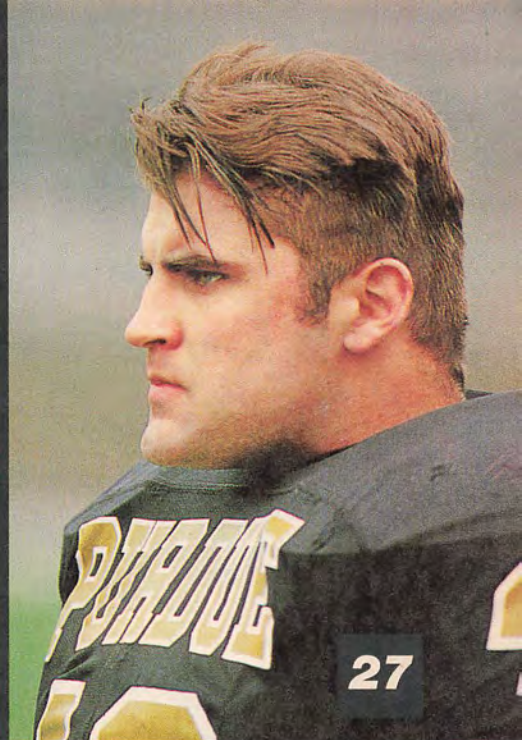


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26. Quarterback Shawn Jones, shaking a Clemson defender in the end zone, left Georgia Tech as the ACC's all-time leader in total offense.

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27. All-American nose tackle Jeff Zgonina was a bright spot in another dreary 4-7 season at Purdue.

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28. Russell White was a Prop. 48 made-good product by graduating and finishing his career in stellar fashion.

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29. Peter Gardere rolled out 16 touchdown passes for Texas in the Longhorns' 6-5 season.

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# MEMORIES

31. Micheal Barrow is a Miami linebacker who excelled in the big games, averaging 17 tackles against Florida State, Penn State and Syracuse.

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30. Mr. Consistency: Notre Dame corner Tom Carter, who picked off five passes in '91, added five more to his resume in '92.

PHOTO: RON VESELY



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32. Georgia's Andre Hastings caught many an Eric Zeier pass (52 to be exact) and then passed on his senior year for the NFL.

PHOTO: TOM DPACE



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33. Linebacker Dave Hoffman was a stalwart in Washington's defense, making 91 tackles, 11 for losses.

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34. Miami defensive tackle Mark Caesar earned praises for pressuring quarterbacks as the Hurricanes allowed only 91 passing yards per game.

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35. Beno Bryant's rushing year was cut short due to a suspension. He had just 59 yards on 19 carries.

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36. Washington State's Phillip Bobo was No. 1 draft pick Drew Bledsoe's top target in '92, grabbing 36 receptions.

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37. Ohio State's Robert Smith left school early, but not until he racked up 818 rushing yards.

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**1** Last season this running back (pictured) led Division I-A in rushing. Name him.

**2** Gino Torretta is one of two members of the Miami Hurricanes to win the Heisman Trophy. Name the other.

**3** Which college football player led Division I-A in scoring last year?

- A. Tyrone Wheatley
- B. Trevor Cobb
- C. Garrison Hearst
- D. Marshall Faulk

**4** Match the NFL player with his college team.

- A. Ronnie Lott
- B. Joe Montana
- C. Warren Moon
- D. Lawrence Taylor



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- 1. Washington
- 2. North Carolina
- 3. USC
- 4. Notre Dame

**5** True or False: In 1988 Michigan won the national championship.

**6** Which college football team won the most Big Eight titles?

- A. Colorado
- B. Missouri
- C. Nebraska
- D. Kansas

**7** Since 1968 two college players have won consecutive Division I-A rushing titles. Who are they?

**8** Who won the Outland Trophy in 1991?

- A. Russell Maryland
- B. Tracy Rocker
- C. Mohammed Elewonibi
- D. Steve Emtman

**9** Name the first college football team Jimmy Johnson ever coached.

**10** In 1980, I led the University of Georgia to a national title during my freshman year.

- Who am I?
- A. Bo Jackson
- B. Herschel Walker
- C. Eric Dickerson
- D. Tony Dorset

**11** Only one member of the Grambling State University can say he was a Super Bowl MVP. Name him.

**12** Who was the first African-American to win the Heisman Trophy?

- A. Ernie Davis
- B. Jim Brown
- C. O.J. Simpson
- D. Mike Garrett

**13** Since 1973 only two college quarterbacks led Division I-A in passing without throwing more than 2,000 yards. Who are they?

**14** Which college coach made the most bowl appearances?

- A. Bear Bryant
- B. Joe Paterno
- C. Johnny Majors
- D. Vince Dooley

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BONUS QUESTION

Which of these players never won the Heisman Trophy?

- a) O.J. Simpson
- b) Walter Payton
- c) Marcus Allen
- d) George Rogers

1. Marshall Faulk; 2. Vinny Testaverde; 3. C. J. A-3, B-4, C-1 and D-2; 5. False (Notre Dame); 6. B; 7. Ed Marinaro and Marshall Faulk; 8. D; 9. Oklahoma State; 10. B; 11. Doug Williams (Super Bowl XXII); 12. A; 13. Turk Schonert and Elvis Grbac; 14. A (29).

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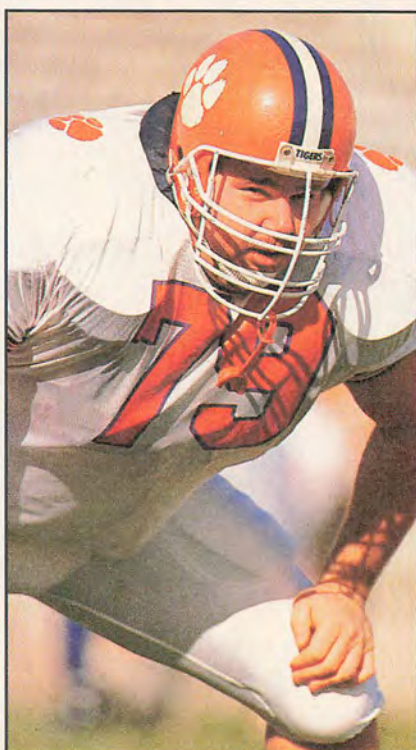


# Petersen's All-



**Charlie Ward, Florida State**

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**Stacy Seegars, Clemson**

PHOTO: DAVID L. GREENE

## *A Position-by-Position Glimpse At A Talented Parade Of Stars*

By Dan Gordon

**A**s spring dawned and we began surveying the practice fields for All-America talent, we realized what a strange year this is. Seems like so many stars (such as Rick Mirer, Drew Bledsoe and Gino Torretta), we'd grown familiar to seeing were missing.

We knew seniors such as Mirer and Torretta would be on their merry way to the NFL, but we figured such phenoms as Bledsoe and Garrison Hearst, among other underclassmen, would be available for our All-America team. We figured wrong.

After the dust cleared and we thought every underclassman who'd ever appeared in a highlight film had bolted for the pro football draft, we're proud to report that college football



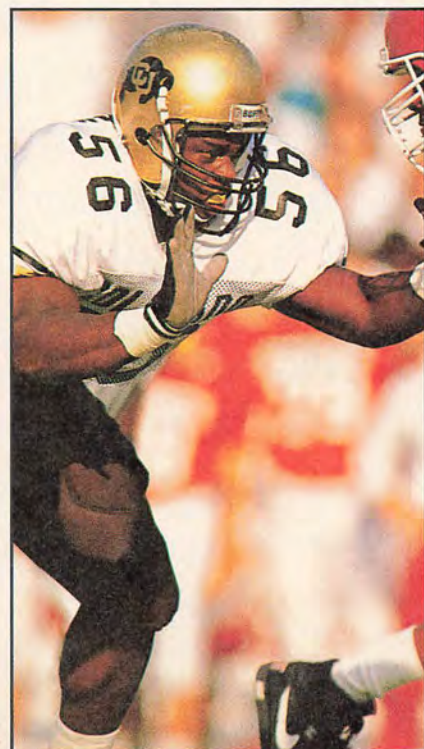
**Pete Mitchell, Boston College**

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**Aubrey Beavers, Oklahoma**

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**Ron Woolfork, Colorado**

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# America Team

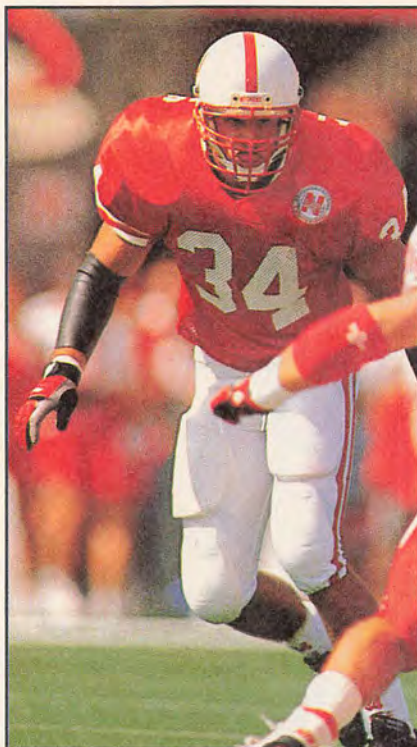
retains a pool of talented players whose ability and character put them a cut above their peers. Here's a sampling of the cream of the crop that's sure to whet the appetite of every All-American college football fan.

**QB—Charlie Ward, Florida State, Sr., 6-1, 185**

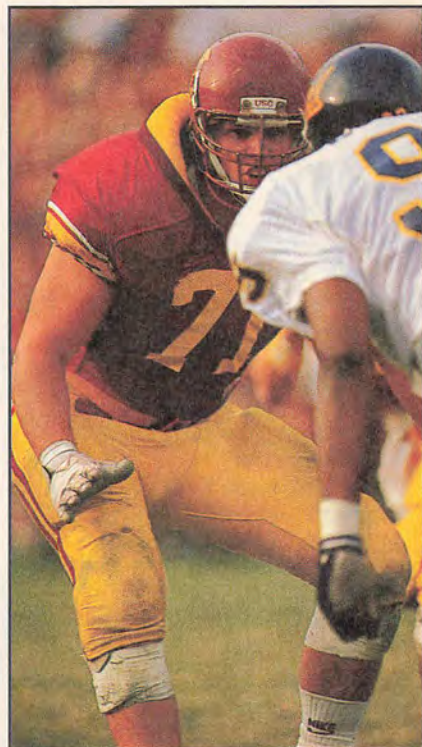
Bo? Deion? Meet Charlie Ward, college football's most exciting, most versatile multiple sport player.

See Ward quarterbacking the Seminole basketball team to the Southeast Regional final. See him leading the Seminole football team on a fast-break toward the goal line—and, just maybe, the national championship. "He's the most dangerous player in the country," says Florida State head coach Bobby Bowden. Yet the real danger haunting opposing teams is that Ward is just now beginning to find his footing.

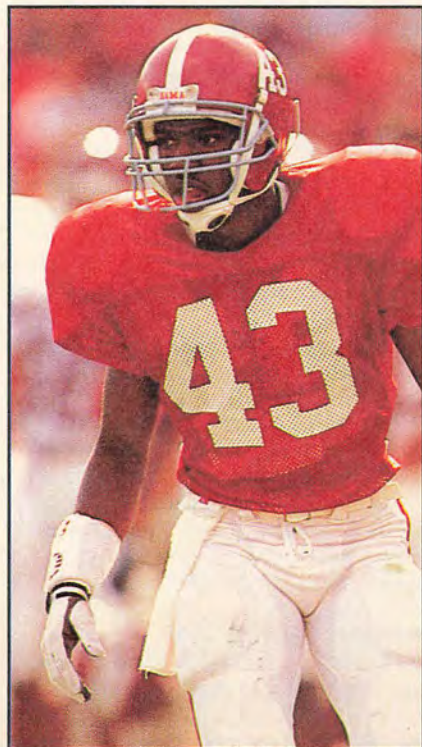
After all, last season was only his first as a starter, and he regularly calls in sick for spring practice—some excuse about a nationally ranked basketball squad he has to lead. "He sometimes has trouble reading defenses because of all the time he's put into basketball,"



**Trev Alberts, Nebraska**  
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**Tony Boselli, USC**  
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**Antonio Langham, Alabama**  
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**Aaron Glenn, Texas A&M**  
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**Michael Westbrook, Colorado**  
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says ESPN college football analyst Mike Gottfried, straining to find a weakness. "He'll only get better with experience. He should really take off this year."

Which, if you consider the way Ward finished last season, is frightening. Against Maryland, Tulane and Florida in his final three regular-season games, Ward connected on 71 of 111 passes for 946 yards, nine touchdowns and only two interceptions. He ran the ball himself 23 times for 226 yards and two more scores.

ABC commentator Dick Vermeil, who likens the FSU star to Randall Cunningham of the Philadelphia Eagles, argues that "Ward will go in [to the NFL] a lot further ahead in terms of raw ability" than Cunningham did. Bowden says he's toying with the idea of using Ward as a punter, as he did in the quarterback's freshman season, "to bring back the old triple threat."

He shouldn't worry. The prospect of an improving Ward—who passed for 2,647 yards and ran for 504 last season while learning the position—is threat enough.

**RB—Marshall Faulk, San Diego State, Jr., 5-10, 200**

Surprise! Not that Faulk's on our All-America team, but that he's still in school, carrying books (not to mention the Aztec program) instead of the tidy haul any NFL team would've gladly heaped on him.

Putting him on our team is a no-brainer if ever there was one. In his first two years Faulk has scored 36 touchdowns, averaged nearly seven yards a pop and gained more than 3,000 yards, including his classic 386-yard, seven-TD game as a freshman against Pacific.

Says San Diego State head coach Al Lugenbill: "Once in a while an athlete comes along for whom everything falls into place. Marshall couldn't describe how he sees the field because it comes naturally."

**RB—Tyrone Wheatley, Michigan, Jr., 6-1, 225**

One head coach, having caught a first glimpse of the Michigan speedster from his living room last Jan. 1, can't to this day manage only a one-word response when Wheatley's name is mentioned. "Wow!"

Wheatley introduced himself to a lot of people that memorable day, turning the Rose Bowl into the Cream of Wheatley Bowl. In the Wolverines' 38-31 win over Washington he gained 235 yards, with touchdown bursts of 56, 88 and 24 yards past a stunned Husky defense. Even more amazingly, he did it on just one good wheel.

Wheatley, averaged 7.3 per carry as a sophomore in '92, combines speed with size for a tailback. "He's not a great shake-and-bake back, but once he gets to the hole he's awfully tough," says ABC commentator Dick Vermeil.

**OT—Vaughn Parker, UCLA, Sr., 6-3, 271**

Versatility is the word that best describes Parker, as athletic an offensive lineman as you'll find. He's strong, quick off the ball and has balance, which belies his huge frame.

Equally effective against the run or pass, he'll play anywhere on the line—and has done so at some point in his career. "We often match him up against the best player on the other team, even if it means putting him at guard," says UCLA offensive line coach Ed Kezirian.

Notes Kezirian, who says Parker reminds him of another successful alumni, Pittsburgh Steeler tackle Duval Love, "Hands have become so important in blocking properly, and Vaughn uses his extremely well." So well that Parker graded 88 percent on his blocking assignments last season and was voted offensive MVP by his teammates.

**QG—Aaron Taylor, Notre Dame, Sr., 6-4, 294**

About the only liability Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz can ascribe to Taylor is that he's a senior. You can't blame Holtz for hating to say goodbye to his best blocker, a first-team All-America selection last season. With Taylor leading the way, the Irish steamrolled opponents for 281 rushing yards and 470 total yards per game, ranking third nationally in both categories.

"Aaron's a tremendous talent," Holtz says. "He has size, speed and intelligence, he's competitive, and he's tough. We've had a lot of excellent offensive linemen, and he's right up there."

**C—Tobie Sheils, Alabama, Sr., 6-3, 250**

After the Crimson Tide rang in the new year by making Swiss cheese of Miami's vaunted defense, running for 257 yards in a 34-13 championship-securing win in the 1993 Sugar Bowl, the usually cocky Hurricanes were left to shake their heads and wonder what hit them.

The answer, to a large extent, was Sheils. "He was moving his opposing blocker all over the field," says a writer who covered the game. ESPN's Gottfried

proclaims, "He's the quickest center on the first step I've ever seen."

**QG—Stacy Seegars, Clemson, Sr., 6-4, 320**

"When our offense needs to run the football, we run behind Stacy," Clemson head coach Ken Hatfield says of his mammoth manchild. Clemson's ground game ranked sixth nationally last year, and Seegars was, well, a big reason.

Hatfield insists Seegars' considerable girth is composed of muscle, not fat, and he submits as evidence his player's weight-room exploits—a 425-pound bench press, for one. Opposing linemen need no convincing: Seegars put them on the ground 103 times last season, a mark unsurpassed in Clemson annals.

**OT—Tony Boselli, Southern Cal, Jr., 6-7, 285**

Boselli will be John Robinson's first student body on the right. Will he lead a return to the coach's late-'70s glory days? Not quite, unless the Trojans can find another year of eligibility for Marcus Allen. Yet count on Boselli, a junior returning from two consecutive first-team All-Pac-10 seasons to continue the tradition that has seen 17 USC offensive line-



**Mike Bedoski,**  
**Missouri**  
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**Bryant  
Young,**  
**Notre Dame**



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men chosen in the NFL's first round since 1968.

## **WR—Michael Westbrook, Colorado, Jr., 6-4, 210**

"They force you to put a linebacker on Westbrook, and no linebacker is a match for him," Syracuse coach Paul Pasqualoni says. No college football receiver is, either. Westbrook runs a 4.43 40.

"Extraordinary speed for a man his size," says Colorado head coach Bill McCartney. "He can catch up to the ball."

Westbrook caught up to 82 last year, to be precise, and picked up 1,143 yards. More than that, "he's an aggressive receiver who attacks the ball and is able to take it away from people," says Bob Stoops, defensive co-coordinator for Kansas State.

## **WR—Lloyd Hill, Texas Tech, Sr., 6-2, 180**

Hill caught 76 passes last year for 1,261 yards and 12 TDs, ranking him among the five best receivers in each category. He needs 520 more yards in order to break the Southwest Conference career mark.

Tech coach Spike Dykes remains amazed by Hill. He won a game with a reception in his freshman season and has made a habit of coming up with the big catch ever since. "It's a cliché, but dag-gum, he does it every time," Dykes says.

## **TE—Pete Mitchell, Boston College, Jr., 6-2, 237**

Boston College recovered nicely from the graduation of All-America tight end Mark Chmura: In stepped Mitchell, who promptly led B.C. receivers with 40 regular-season catches for 555 yards, then grabbed nine for 100 yards and two TDs against Tennessee in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

"He reads defenses well, and he reads the field well," says Al Paquette, Mitchell's position coach. "He finds a seam, places himself between the defender and the quarterback, and he'll catch anything thrown to him."

## **KR—Tamarick Vanover, Florida State, So., 6-1, 210**

Just a freshman last season, Vanover took his first-ever collegiate kickoff and raced 96 yards to the goal line. What would he do for an encore? How about 94—and another TD.

From there he came down a tad—to about 39 yards per return for his next six attempts—to finish the season with a 51.6-per-kick average.

## **PK—Joe Allison, Memphis State, Sr., 6-0, 184**

It's no contest. Allison was the best kicker last year, leading the nation in field goals made with 23 while missing only two. Six times he had games with at least three field goals, tying the NCAA single-season record set by Arizona State's Luis Zendejas in 1983. He's not living on chip shots, either: Allison is 5-of-8 for his career from 50 yards and beyond.

## **DL—Rob Waldrop, Arizona, Sr., 6-2, 274**

The leader of a rugged Arizona defense all year was the man in the middle: Waldrop.

Against Miami he made seven tackles, including four for losses, and had two sacks and two batted passes. For the year

he registered 22 tackles for losses—the most of any Pac-10 lineman—and 10 sacks, earning first-team All-America status along the way.

"He has no weaknesses," declares Arizona defensive coordinator Larry Mac Duff.

## **DL—Kevin Mitchell, Syracuse, Sr., 6-1, 240**

Mitchell didn't wait long to serve notice to Big East foes that he'd arrived. As a freshman he started every game, leading Syracuse linemen with 56 tackles and earning a spot on the all-conference second team.

By his sophomore year his name elicited shudders down the Eastern Seaboard. Mitchell became the first Syracuse lineman ever to lead the team in unassisted tackles, recording 64 (81 total), a team record for the position, along with nine sacks.



**Corey Sawyer, Florida State**

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"He's so quick he has a way of causing havoc," says Virginia Tech head coach Frank Beamer. "He may not always make the play, but he will influence it."

## **DL—Shante Carver, Arizona State, Sr., 6-6, 228**

Time and again Carver has managed to maneuver his rather slender form into enemy territory. In 31 career games he has registered 31 sacks. The first two times he faced Carver, Washington State quarterback-extraordinaire Drew Bledsoe got an up-close-and-personal view of the ASU defensive end—from the ground, that is—eight times.

"You'd think you could just get a big old hog to block him, but nobody's been able to do it," says Bruce Snyder, Carver's coach.

## **LB—Ron Woolfork, Colorado, Sr., 6-4, 235**

In high school Woolfork was named the top player in Michigan by the *Detroit News*.

Colorado recruited the quarterback to call signals, but nature took its course.

"He grew out of the position," says McCartney. Literally. In his freshman year Woolfork put on 40 pounds. By the end of spring practice he was an outside linebacker. Had they known, rival Big Eight quarterbacks might've sent him some weight-loss pills. In the two seasons since the position switch Woolfork has terrorized them for 26.5 sacks.

"He's a dominant football player," says Oklahoma assistant coach Lucious Selmon.

## **LB—Aubrey Beavers, Oklahoma, Sr., 6-2, 232**

We place Beavers here not for what he's done, but for his capabilities, the limits of which no one knows.

Take the game he played in the Sooners' 1992 opener against Texas Tech. Foaming at the mouth after sitting out nearly two years, Beavers had six tackles and a sack, caused a fumble, and batted a pass into the air, recovered his balance, caught the ball and took it five yards for a touchdown. Two weeks later he had seven tackles, 2.5 sacks and a fumble recovery against Southern Cal.

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Beavers was timed at an impressive enough 4.6 in the 40, but one Oklahoma strength-and-conditioning coach quips, "Beav's as fast as he wants to be."

## **LB—Trev Alberts, Nebraska, Sr., 6-4, 235**

Not that there was anything wrong with Alberts before—as a sophomore, he led the Cornhuskers with seven sacks, forced 12 quarterback hurries and made 53 tackles, all without starting a game. Nevertheless, Nebraska outside linebacker coach Tony Samuel believes Alberts began to take his game to a new level in Week 3 of his junior season.

"He grew up about the time of the Washington game," Samuel says. In that contest, a 29-14 Nebraska win, Alberts registered seven tackles. The coach isn't referring to raw numbers, however. "He's learning how to take over a game," he explains.

## **LB—Mitch Davis, Georgia, Sr., 6-3, 240**

ESPN's Gottfried calls Davis "a comer." His numbers have risen in each of his three years; last season he registered 86 total tackles and 8.5 sacks. He was Georgia's Defensive Player of the Game in the Florida Citrus Bowl against Ohio State, registering five tackles (three for losses) and two sacks.

"Mitch has played in spurts," Gottfried says. "When he decides to play every down with reckless abandon, he's the best."

## **DB—Antonio Langham, Alabama, Sr., 6-1, 170**

Three weeks in the life of Antonio Langham:

- He blocks a punt and returns it 29 yards for a touchdown in a 30-21 win over Mississippi State.
- With Auburn driving in the third quarter of a scoreless tie, he intercepts a quick out in man-to-man coverage and runs 61 yards for a touchdown, swinging the momentum and helping the Crimson Tide to a 17-0 win.
- With the SEC championship game against Florida tied at 21, he breaks on a Shane Matthews pass, intercepts and runs 27 yards to the end zone, giving the Tide a 28-21 win and the league title.

Says Alabama defensive backs coach Bill Oliver: "I've been coaching for almost 30 years, and I don't know that I've seen anyone better."

## **DB—Corey Sawyer, Florida State, Jr., 5-11, 165**

Count your blessings, Coach Bowden. It's not supposed to be this easy.

Sawyer's not as fast as his two predecessors, Deion Sanders and Terrell Buckley, but who is? Just the same, says Bowden, "He gets to the right place at the right time, and he has the instincts that make him competitive."

Competitive indeed. Sawyer ranked third in the country with seven interceptions.

## **DB—Aaron Glenn, Texas A&M, Sr., 5-10, 180**

How good was Glenn as a junior college corner? For the entire 1991 season opponents threw to his side 15 times. In his first major-college action last year Glenn was so excited to see footballs come his way that he snared six of them as

souvenirs. "He compares favorably to any of the corners we've had," says Aggie head coach R.C. Slocum, who's had a few great ones.

In addition to the picks Glenn used his 4.3 speed and 39-inch vertical leap to disrupt 20 passes last year, five more than he saw the previous season.

## **DB—Jaime Mendez, Kansas State, Sr., 6-0, 200**

As a freshman Mendez started at all four secondary positions and was used as a nickel back to boot. Such geographic dislocation might be enough to make a seasoned veteran's head spin, but Mendez didn't seem to mind—he led the Big Eight in interceptions with six.

"It's rare you can find a freshman who understands one position, let alone five," says Stoops, Kansas State's defensive coordinator, "but Jaime's got a great feel for the game."

## **PR—Lee Gissendan, Northwestern, Sr., 5-9, 179**

Gissendan led the nation with a 21.8 per punt return average on 15 tries, including a 72-yard touchdown return against Stanford and a 53-yard return later in the game. He also ran back 17 kickoffs for a 22.4 average and caught 68 passes for 846 yards. Add it all up, and you have the Big Ten Most Valuable Player.

## **P—Mitch Berger, Colorado, Sr., 6-3, 220**

"He can overpower the ball," says Head Coach Bill McCartney of his punter, who averaged 47 yards on 53 punts last season and became the fourth consecutive Colorado punter to win first-team All-America honors. In two years he has 35 punts of 50-plus, and opponents are returning his punts just three yards a try.



**Willie McGinest, USC**

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## Second Team

**QB—Marvin Graves, Syracuse**

**RB—Calvin Jones, Nebraska;**  
**Napoleon Kaufman, Washington**

**OL—Bernard Williams, Georgia; Mike Bedosky,**  
**Missouri; Jim Pyne, Virginia Tech; Patrick**  
**McNeil, Florida State; Tre Johnson, Temple**

**TE—Dwayne Chandler, Kansas**

**WR—Willie Jackson, Florida;**  
**Ryan Yarborough, Wyoming**

**PK—Nelson Welch, Clemson**

**DL—Bryant Young, Notre Dame; Lou Benfatti,**  
**Penn State; Darren Krein, Miami**

**LB—Dana Howard, Illinois; Lemanski Hall, Alabama;**  
**Derrick Brooks, Florida State;**  
**Willie McGinest, Southern Cal**

**DB—Tyronne Drakeford, Virginia Tech; Jimmy**  
**Young, Purdue; Jeff Brothers, Vanderbilt;**  
**Greg Tremble, Georgia**

**PR—Derrick Alexander, Michigan**

**P—Sean Snyder, Kansas State**





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# Heisman Huddle

## Marshall Faulk And Charlie Ward: On The Inside Looking Out

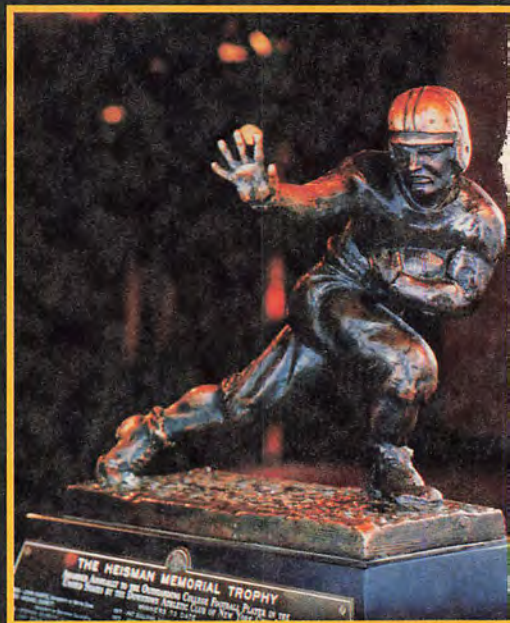
By Jeremy Treatman

**I**n a stark departure from past years when college public relations departments hawked their fleet-footed runners or strong-armed quarterbacks for the Heisman Trophy, 1993's top candidates and the universities they represent are taking a decidedly low-key approach.

More than two decades ago Notre Dame's spin masters tinkered with the pronunciation of Joe Theismann's name to come up with the rhyming "Theismann for Heisman" campaign, and just two seasons ago Michigan's Desmond Howard created his own ad when he struck the trophy look-a-like pose after scoring a touchdown on national television.

This year may be a different story, however.

The main candidates for this year's award—San Diego State's Marshall Faulk, Florida State's Charlie Ward, Syracuse's Marvin Graves, Michigan's Tyrone Wheatley and Georgia's Eric Zeier are mostly mum when speaking about the 1993



What every college athlete dreams about? The Heisman Trophy.

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Barring injury, Marshall Faulk is our clear-cut choice to win the 1993 Heisman.

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Running back Tyrone Wheatley is a speedster who can also catch passes, as evidenced by his 11 receptions for 141 yards and three TDs last season.

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Heisman. So are their coaches and, perhaps more surprisingly, their schools.

It appears with few exceptions that institutional promotions have been frowned upon by a national media that's more interested in promoting the candidates itself. "I think in recent years the media has taken over the role of the publicist," Notre Dame's sports information director John Heisler says. "In the old days there was no ESPN, no weekly updates on the Heisman, so those kinds of promotional things were more acceptable."

In fact, only formerly little-known San Diego State, last year with Faulk, has taken semi-aggressive steps to promote its star. A year ago the sports department distributed a postcard bearing his photo to media outlets across the country.

## THE CANDIDATES

### Marshall Faulk, running back, San Diego State

Faulk probably could've won the statuary bronze sculpture (modeled after Ed Smith, a star player on the 1934 University of New York football team) in each of the last two seasons. As a freshman in 1991, Faulk bobbed, weaved, accelerated or bowled over helpless tacklers for 1,429 yards, despite missing two games because of injury.

After nine games last season it looked as if Faulk would certainly become the first sophomore to win the award, but injuries again forced him to miss most of the last three games, including an eagerly anticipated match with then No. 1-ranked Miami. That absence more than anything allowed

Hurricanes quarterback Gino Torretta to capture the prize and reduced Faulk to runner-up status. Unless he's hurt again, Faulk is the clear-cut choice to win in 1993. His amazing cut-back ability and acceleration know-how have wowed and frustrated his opposition in his brief tenure in the college game.

After Faulk burned UCLA's defense for 118 yards in a game last season, UCLA defensive coordinator Bob Field said he'd never before had to devise a game plan to stop a player of Faulk's magnitude. "The thing that stands out is his ability to change direction in full stride," Field says. "When you're fast and can change direction at top speed, that's a truly special skill that few backs have ever showcased."

Seeing the 5-10 speedster in his current All-America position is just grand news to his New Orleans Carver High School coach Wayne Reese. That's because he knows about the years before all this Heisman talk began. Marshall lived a turbulent lifestyle, growing up in one of the toughest neighborhoods in Cajun country.

"When I first met Marshall he had a major attitude problem. He was a basic Upper Ninth Ward thug. Of course, some might suggest that you need to have that type of attitude to survive where he came from," Reese says. "But we knew in order for him to succeed later on in life, he'd have to change. As soon as he did, he began to excel at everything."

In observing his enormous NFL skills on display each Saturday, it's difficult to understand why Faulk was overlooked as a running back prospect by the nation's top college

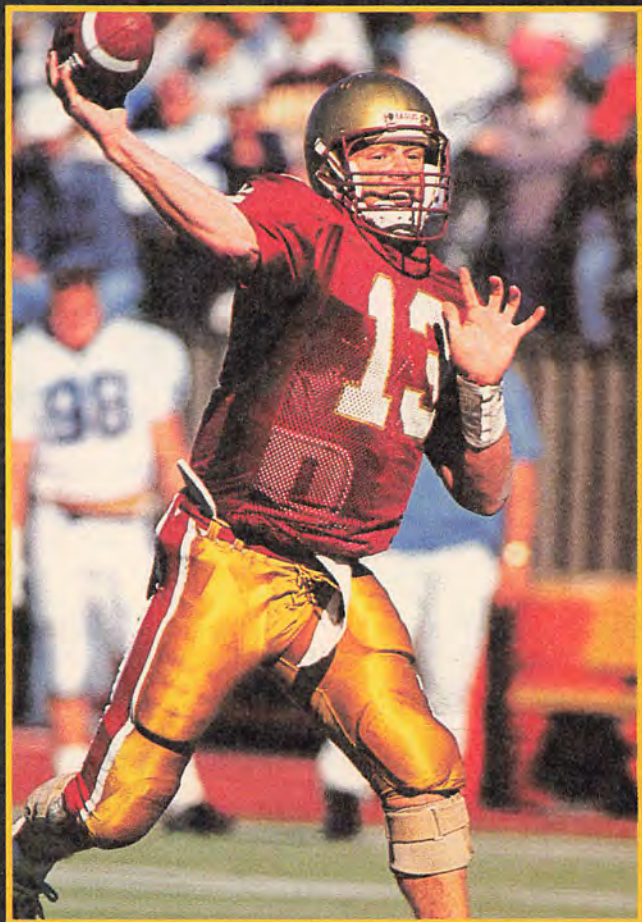
**A second-place pass efficiency rating in the Big East last season makes BC's Glenn Foley a Heisman contender in '93.**

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**A longshot. San Diego State's David Lowery.**

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programs. Most schools offered him scholarships to play safety or defensive back because of his stellar prep play as a secondary man, but only San Diego State coach Al Luginbill promised a shot at playing tailback. No doubt every coach in the country who had a shot at Faulk in high school is now kicking himself for not having done the same.

## **Charlie Ward, quarterback, Florida State**

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden admits that in years past when he had a Heisman candidate on his football team, he wasn't afraid to let everyone who would listen know about it. This year is different.

"Only because you're asking me will I say that if Charlie stays healthy he'll probably win it," Bowden says. "But I'm not interested in that Heisman talk. In fact, I told our SID [Wayne Hogan] that I don't want any publicity for him coming from our office. This guy doesn't need it."

The reason many think Ward, not Faulk, will win the Heisman is his ability to run the Seminoles' imposing fast-break offense, which has Ward taking snaps from the shotgun position for the whole game.

"It took us a while to realize where Charlie was most effective last year," Bowden says. "When we went to the two-minute offense against Clemson, we never punted, and then the following week he scored 22 points by himself to win the Georgia Tech game."

Ward says it doesn't matter to him whether he's the master of an offense named after his basketball prowess. Nor does it matter that he sat two years behind former Seminole star Casey Weldon, even though his coach now calls him the best athlete in America. "I've always been given a fair opportunity, in high school and now here," says Ward, who's injury-free following two basketball-related shoulder operations in the last two years.

"I don't think about the [praise] I've received or the [Heisman talk], either. All I care about is that as a leader, I play well. Because if I play well, the team will follow, and if I do my job we are going to have an incredible season."

## **Tyrone Wheatley, running back, Michigan**

In trying to track down Wolverines tailback Tyrone Wheatley last spring, a friend discovered that calling Ann Arbor information wasn't the best way to go about it. "Tyrone Wheatley, the runner?" an AT&T operator questioned him. "Honey, his number is not listed. He's big-time now."

Actually, prior to this season Wheatley could be tracked down more easily at the Wolverines outdoor track. The running star ran track full-time his

office talks much about it, either, because the philosophy here is that we don't consider any one player more special than another.

"Obviously, the Washington game put me in the spotlight because I scored all those touchdowns before a national television audience. That's the way I want to be recognized, for working hard and for what I actually do on the football field."

## **Marvin Graves, quarterback, Syracuse**

Marvin Graves readily admits that when he was a starting signal-caller for Washington, D.C.'s Archbishop Carroll High he had serious doubts about his chances at the Division I-A level. "I used to watch college football games on television at home and think that there was no way I could play with those guys; they were too big and fast," Graves says. Now opposing Big East coaches think that about Graves. Indeed, how does one stop a 6-1, 200-pound quarterback who runs like a tailback, tramples over people like a fullback, yet throws with the accuracy of some of the NFL's top quarterbacks.

As Ward did last year, Graves long ago overcame the run-first stereotype often given to black quarterbacks who excel. Syracuse coach Paul Pasqualoni has such unwavering faith in Graves he's installed myriad complicated pass formations into the Syracuse playbook. "He's as mentally and physically gifted a player as there is," Pasqualoni said. "He can handle any situation for us, and he'll be given every

opportunity to do so."

More than anything, Graves has established himself as one of the great leaders in college football. Against Miami last season Graves almost single-handedly brought the Orangemen a victory when he ran and passed the team down to the 'Canes three-yard line as time expired. During the drive he continued to play, despite temporary dizziness after being hit following a 20-yard run. Even though he became sick to his stomach later in the huddle, he remained in the game. "I was just dehydrated," Graves says. "A lot of people thought I was tired, but I wasn't. I never wanted to come out of the game."



**Defensive star like Rick Lyle, Missouri, need not apply for the Heisman.**

first year at the school and now runs a less dedicated part-time regimen as part of his conditioning program for football.

He can run—he rushed for 1,387 yards and 13 touchdowns last season. He can catch—he caught 13 passes for 145 yards and three touchdowns. And he can return kickoffs with the best of them—12 attempts for 282 yards, including a 99-yard scoring jaunt against Houston in 1992.

This year he may amass numbers never before seen by a Michigan runner. "I try not to think about what I might do this season or that I'm being considered for major awards," Wheatley says. "Nobody in our football



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Pasqualoni will never forget that courageous effort. "He was sick, but he badly wanted to get us the victory, and he did everything he could," Pasqualoni says.

Graves says another personal experience helped trigger a maturing process that began five years ago during his redshirt freshman season. "I remember that year [1989] the fans in the Carrier Dome started booing one of our quarterbacks, and I said to myself that would never happen to me. Then in my redshirt junior year, the fans booed me once when I went to the sidelines. Instead of being hurt, though, I started laughing because I remembered so vividly, thinking how it would never happen to me." That was 1991. If Graves is booed in 1993, it would be a major surprise.

## **Eric Zeier, quarterback, Georgia**

One of the major reasons Georgia finished 10-2 with a Citrus Bowl victory over Ohio State last January was unheralded quarterback Eric Zeier (rhymes with hire). An in-state high school All-American who stayed home, Zeier has been everything his teammates, his coaches and the fans expected. The only person he hasn't impressed so far is himself. "My goal from day one here is to win a national championship, and it hasn't happened yet," Zeier says. "I won't be fully satisfied with myself or the team until we accomplish that."

Last year Zeier wasn't thrilled that he threw for only 12 touchdowns, matching his 12 interceptions. This season will be even more of a challenge as Zeier lost top running back Garrison Hearst and receiver Andre Hastings to the NFL, even though both had a year of eligibility left to play for the Bulldogs.

"Losing Andre will hurt, but there are a lot of talented young receivers coming in," says Zeier. "Our offense should be solid, and our defense is great, so hopefully we'll keep winning."

Zeier acknowledges he's hoping for a pro career, but isn't counting on Heisman votes to get him there. "Some people outside of football have talked about it with me," Zeier says. "But believe me, my only focus is to win on the field."

## **OTHER CANDIDATES**

There are other prime candidates aiming for the first-, second- or third-place vote of the 870 members of the print and broadcast media and the 48 former winners who'll elect this year's Heisman. Hearst, Hastings, Florida State's Marvin Jones, Miami receiver Kevin Williams, Ohio State runner Robert Smith, Notre Dame fullback Jerome Bettis, Washington State quarterback Drew Bledsoe and receiver Philip Bobo are among many who would've been considered had they

ishing a stellar season is given more consideration by the voters than a tailback.

If Alabama comes close to duplicating its fabulous national championship season, Crimson Tide junior quarterback Jay Barker will receive plenty of consideration. Historically in Heisman voting, the top skilled position player of a top-ranked team will receive a high percentage of votes, whether he's worthy of them or not. Last year was a perfect example; Gino Torretta outpolled his competitors in part by being the focal point of a great team that lost only once with him starting in two years.

The fact Torretta watched Bledsoe, Notre Dame's Rick Mirer and Michigan's Elvis Grbac get drafted before him in June's NFL draft only indicates he was considered the top college player of the year in 1992—what the award basically represents—and not the best pro prospect as many people still believe the Heisman is meant for.

Other sleepers for the 1993 award are running backs: Greg Hill of Texas A&M, if he's permitted to return to the school in the wake of alleged NCAA violations there, Colorado's Lamont Warren, Florida State's Marquette Smith and Miami's Larry Jones (if he returns).

Quarterbacks who'll be considered are San Diego State's David Lowery, Boston College's Glenn Foley, Rutgers' Bryan Forte, and the winner of Joe Paterno's Penn State sweepstakes (Wally Richardson, Kerry Collins or John Sacca).

It appears, though, that many of these players will have to sculpt magical seasons in order to defeat our top choices and become the owner of a sculpture that measures 14x13½ inches, weighs 25 pounds and depicts a side-stepping, stiff-arming, touchdown-scoring stud that now stands in the lobby of New York City's Downtown Athletic Club.

It's our guess Faulk and our other top four picks won't be looking over their shoulders at the longshots or even at each other. More likely this bunch will let their actions on the field speak for themselves.



**Safety Bobby Taylor of Notre Dame, right school, wrong position.**

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not applied for the NFL draft as junior eligibles.

Of those returning, Miami's defensive lineman Rusty Medearis could be a contender if he recovers from major knee surgery. Even if Medearis were to have a monster season, he's not likely to win the award. The highest defensive finishers previously have been Pitt's Hugh Green (second in 1980) and Holy Cross's Gordy Lockbaum (third in 1987). In all but two instances a quarterback or running back has won (receivers Howard, 1991, and Tim Brown of Notre Dame, 1987, were the others). Even though runners have won more times than QBs, traditionally a quarterback fin-





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# Rating the Quarterbacks

By Darryl Howerton

## 10 Most Wanted Gunslingers In College Football

**L**ike it or not, Charlie Ward of Florida State, you're the *Petersen's College Football* top quarterback in the nation.

We know, we know. You probably don't have any idea how to deal with this acclaim just yet. Last season Gino Torretta grabbed the Heisman headlines; Drew Bledsoe and Rick Mirer stole the NFL Draft Day headlines, and Billy Joe Hobert had his shot at the rest of the midseason headlines in a year filled with big-name quarterbacks.

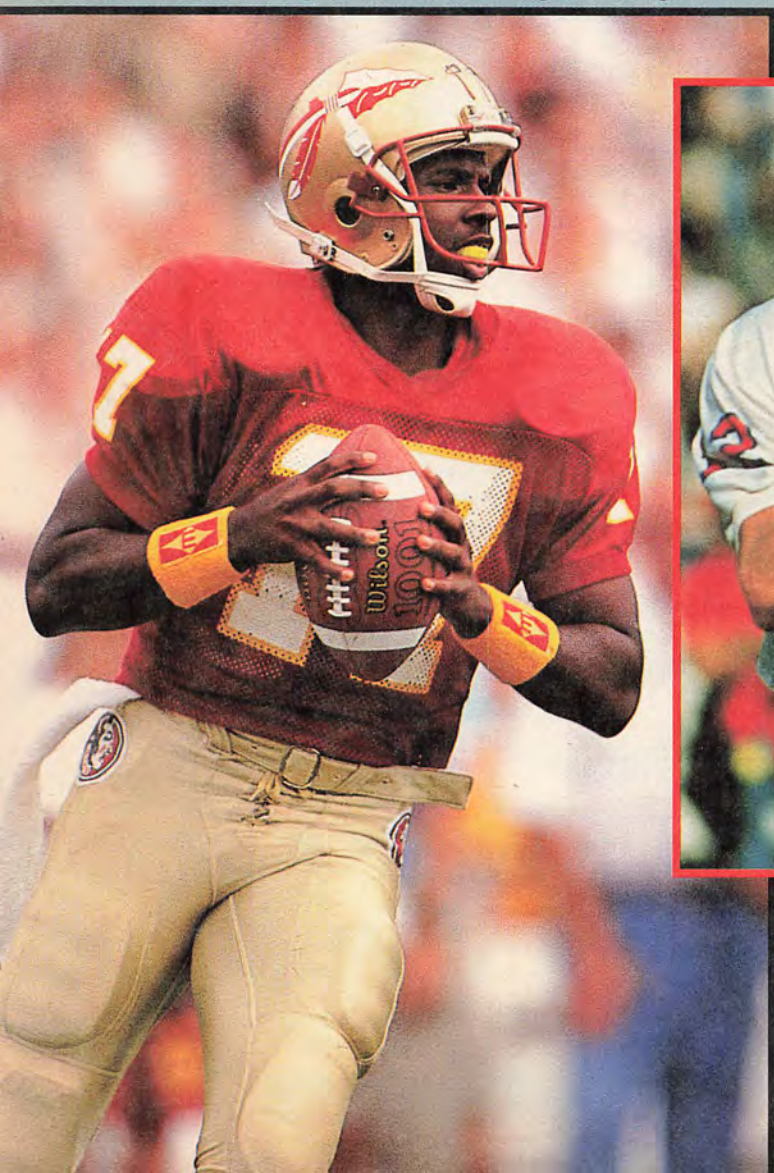
Those guys, though, are last year's news. Charlie Ward is this year's big story. No matter which of his peers we talk with, the name Ward always seems to rise to the top like cream.

"I didn't know that I'm [perceived as the best]," says the Florida State two-sport standout. "Your guess is as good as

mine why. I don't think anyone wants to be [the No. 1 guy] unless they have a big ego, and I don't want to be on top either. I just try to do my best."

Deal with it, Charlie, because the absence of those big-name quarterbacks mentioned previously hasn't only made you the biggest name returning, but it also has made the Florida State Seminoles our favorite to win the national championship this year.

"He's an awesome human being in his faith, integrity and work ethic," gushes Trent Dilfer, Fresno State's field general and our second-highest-rated quarterback in the nation. "Charlie has really positioned Florida State as the team to beat. He shakes them up. When his team can't establish the run, he puts pressure on the other team's defense with his ability to pass on the run. Week after week he does it. On a



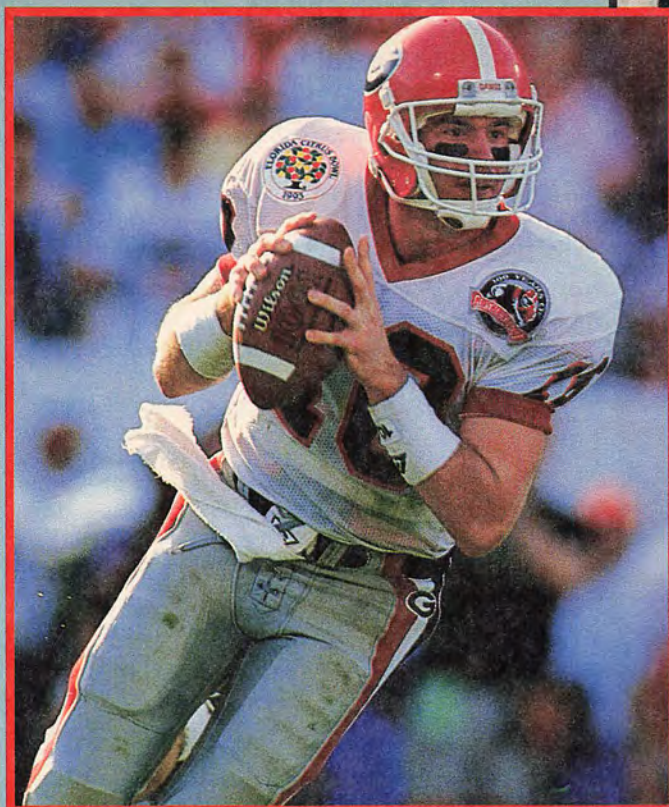
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Charlie Ward, Florida  
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**Above:**  
Trent Dilfer, Fresno State

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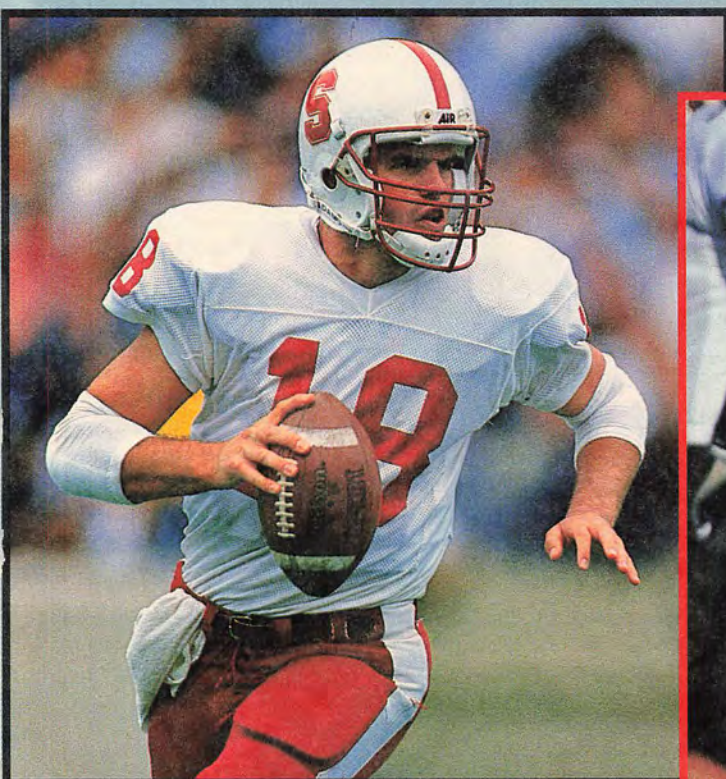




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**Georgia**  
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**Above:**  
**Heath Shuler,** Tennessee  
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**Above:**  
**Steve Stenstrom,**  
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**Right:**  
**Kordell Stewart,**  
**Colorado**  
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# Rating the Quarterbacks

third-and-22 in a game against Georgia Tech last year, he got them to the one-yard line with that type of play.

"With the bigger names gone, our quarterback class in general is not yet proven—myself included," Dilfer continues. "Yet Charlie Ward has big-game experience, bowl game MVPs. He's tremendous. Without a doubt he's the top quarterback in the nation today."

Ward's frame (6-1, 190) isn't prototypical for an ideal quarterback, but prototypes don't necessarily win crucial ballgames, or NFL games for that matter. Ward has shown he plays big, thanks to maneuverability that most defensive linemen aren't capable of handling. The senior has good arm strength and can use it on the fly to reach young standouts like Tamarick Vanover for big-game plays. This summer Ward is rehabbing his shoulder after separating it in a basketball game last January.

"The thing that scared you about Charlie was his high interception total the first half of last year," says ABC-TV college football analyst and Miami Dolphins Hall of Fame quarterback Bob Griese. "But as he got a chance to look back and analyze what was happening, as he got more playing time, and the team offense was changed to emphasize his running skills, he became a better player."

"[Miami Dolphins head coach] Don Shula doesn't force quarterbacks to fit into his system," Griese adds. "When Dave Woodley replaced me at Miami, he ran some options there, and they took advantage of his rollout skills. The great coaches analyze the talents of their players and mold it into their team's system."

Fresno State head coach Jim Sweeney didn't have to do much molding, however, when the Good Lord sent him Trent Dilfer. Sweeney was already successfully running a pro-type offense, normally with six-foot quarterbacks, that was made for a passer such as Dilfer. So when the 6-5, 225-pound man named Trent from Aptos, California, signed, Sweeney immediately knew he had something special.

"He's a different type of quarterback from Ward," says Sweeney of Dilfer's FSU counterpart. "He's running pro-type offenses with five-step, seven-step timed routes. He'll go from one to two to three [checking off receivers] like clockwork.... We're always telling scouts about how good he really is. Then they take a look at him, and they start telling me. I say, 'I know, I know.' Then they usually leave by saying, 'Enjoy him while you have him.'"

Dilfer has made it known he plans to leave Fresno State after his junior year if he figures to be among the top 15 players selected in the 1994 NFL Draft. ESPN NFL Draft analyst Mel Kiper says, "He's got it all. If he has another good year [in 1993], he'll be [ranked

high in the draft] just like Bledsoe."

Dilfer leads a balanced attack at Fresno State that features one of the best running tandems in the West and one of the best receiving corps in the nation. Last year the combination resulted in a nation-leading 40 points-per-game average. When Dilfer played mistake-free in Fresno State's 24-7 Freedom Bowl victory over USC on a rain-soaked field last December, he moved up several more notches in the eyes of scouts.

"I need to get better," says Dilfer. "I'd like to be a combination of Bledsoe and Mirer—the height, weight and strength of Bledsoe, along with the agility, footwork and intelligence of Mirer. But if that's possible it'll come with experience and improvement. I've worked hard this spring on becoming more accurate [in throwing the football]. If you take a look at the greatest quarterbacks of all time, the common ingredient they all have is accuracy."

Another stickler for accuracy, Griese points out, "Fresno State is having the opposite effect of what's going on at the University of Miami. Miami lost their top four receivers and their quarterback. Gino [Torretta] became a star in part because they were able to carry each other and improve together. Experienced receivers and an experienced offensive line can cover up for a quarterback. Dilfer should be one of the top QBs this year. He's got great receivers; he's been in a good system for a long time, and he has the skills to take advantage of both



**Marvin Graves,**  
Syracuse  
PHOTO: JIM COOPER



**Tommie Frazier,**  
Nebraska  
PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON



these circumstances."

Ditto for Georgia's Eric Zeier, our third-rated quarterback. While running an I-based, multiple-set system at Georgia, Zeier has seen his stock steadily rise as a top collegian and future pro.

Last year was the first time fans got a full-season look at this tough-as-nails quarterback. You've heard of a coach on the field? Zeier is just that.

Griese points out, "He grew up mentally tough. He was an Army brat and has a disciplined mindset about him. He was a starter [six games] as a freshman, and as he bears down, he's only going to get better."

Syracuse four-year starter Marvin Graves is our fourth-rated quarterback in a year when this top four may make as much noise as last year's Torretta-Bledsoe-Mirer-Hobert quartet. Graves has a few scouting doubters out there because he isn't big (6-1, 200 pounds) and isn't allowed to showcase his passing skills in the Redmen's option offense. Yet he wins, bottom line. Rival defensive backs will attest to his great arm. His trophy collection of three bowl MVP awards should say enough about knowing what it takes to win.



# Rating the Quarterbacks

Griese says, "Marvin Graves is very good. He runs the ball well and doesn't pass a lot, but the threat is there. You always have to contain him."

"The bottom line when rating quarterbacks is: Can he put his team in the end zone? If fans were rating quarterbacks, they'd probably be content just to sit on the 10-yard line and judge them on their looks or style. How far can he throw? Is the spiral nice and tight? Is he big and tall? Those are the last things I look for. The quarterback has to be a leader, keep coolness under fire, be consistently accurate with his throws and play intelligently."

Because he has been the Syracuse leader since he was a freshman, there's nothing Graves hasn't seen already. Syracuse head coach Paul Pasqualoni says, "Many players react hastily when the pressure is on. Marvin has the special ability to maintain or even slow down. This allows him to make the smart play."

Stanford's Steve Stenstrom became Head Coach Bill Walsh's latest disciple since Joe Montana and Steve Young when the former San Francisco 49er coach returned to his college coaching grounds. Stenstrom, our fifth-rated quarterback, fits the Walsh mold at 6-2, 200 pounds, and says Griese, "Guys who play in Walsh's system only get better with time."

Boston College's Glenn Foley, our sixth-rated QB, also has his own Yoda in guru Tom Coughlin, formerly an offensive coordinator for the New York Giants. He has worked hard to improve on reading defenses, and decreased his interceptions from 17 in 1991 to 12 last season.

Tennessee quarterback Heath Shuler, seventh on our list, has all the tools necessary to move up even higher on quarterback lists. He's consistent in the short, medium and deep passing sets the Volunteers like to utilize. Zeier says of his SEC counterpart, "He's got a super attitude and a super arm."

Houston's Jimmy Klingler, our eighth-rated QB, is running and shooting himself to the same type of fame his brother David had in this offense two years ago. Jimmy's numbers ranked seventh in the nation in passing efficiency. Because of his stature (6-4, 210 pounds) pro scouts will surely keep their

eyes on him. He's a junior this season, which gives him two years to work on reading defenses better.

San Diego State's David Lowery, our ninth-rated QB, completes a Fantasy Football player's dream if Fantasy Football stats were kept for teams at the collegiate level. The persevering senior is the man who hands off to the game's premier runner, Marshall Faulk, and then on the next play can throw the ball to arguably the game's best receiver, Darnay Scott. Don't underestimate Lowery's importance in all this; his 387-yard passing day in the absence of Faulk in the Aztec's 45-41 showdown loss with Dilfer and Fresno State established what this quarterback is made of.

Colorado's Kordell Stewart, our 10th-rated QB, has been the man who's transformed the Buffaloes' traditional I-bone offense into a one-back, passing-oriented attack. Thanks to Stewart and top-notch receivers Michael Westbrook and Charles Johnson, Colorado has a new look. For a first-year starter Stewart was relatively proficient at reading defenses last year; expect him and Westbrook to take their games to a higher level this season.

"There are other capable quarterbacks besides the ones we've mentioned," says Griese. "I like Tommie Frazier at Nebraska. He fits a different type of category, but his game is crafted to what works at Nebraska with the option formation they run. He's a great athlete. At Miami you've got Frank Costa, who's in the hot seat now that Gino's gone. Miami lost its top four receivers [three were selected in the first three rounds of the 1993 NFL Draft], but the system is still in place there, and Costa could have a good year. Michigan followers think Todd Collins can fill in for Elvis [Grbac]. There's Damon Hewart at Washington State, who'll be good."

We'd be remiss not to include Penn State's Kerry Collins, Cal's David Barr and Oklahoma's Cale Gundy.

"Charlie Ward is the only holdover in the class of '93 who finished among the top six in last year's Heisman voting," says Griese. "The class isn't as renowned as last year's, but talent-wise it's not lacking at all."

We say give 'em time; they'll become well-known soon enough.



**Cale Gundy**

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON

## THE RATING GAME

RANK	NAME	HT.	WT.	CL	COLLEGE	PETERSEN RATING	COMMENTS
1.	Charlie Ward	6-1	190	Sr.	Florida State	7.00	Proven winner
2.	Trent Dilfer	6-5	225	Jr.	Fresno State	6.80	Scout's and coach's dream
3.	Eric Zeier	6-2	200	Jr.	Georgia	6.65	Power-man quarterback
4.	Marvin Graves	6-1	200	Sr.	Syracuse	6.10	Runs option to perfection
5.	Steve Stenstrom	6-2	200	Sr.	Stanford	5.55	Another Walsh QB disciple
6.	Glenn Foley	6-2	210	Sr.	Boston College	5.50	Runs intricate offense
7.	Heath Shuler	6-3	210	Jr.	Tennessee	5.40	Gives Colorado new look
8.	Jimmy Klingler	6-4	210	Jr.	Houston	5.10	Piles up yardage
9.	David Lowery	6-0	200	Sr.	San Diego State	4.90	Orchestrates balanced attack
10.	Kordell Stewart	6-2	205	Jr.	Colorado	4.85	Has accurate, rifle arm

Collegian QB Ratings: 8=All-American QB who'll have an All-Pro NFL career; 7=All-American QB who has a bright pro future; 6=Top-flight QB who has a pro future; 5=Good QB who can play himself into NFL Draft.



# Lost Glory

## Longhorns, Buckeyes, Sooners, Tigers And Trojans Try To Recapture Past Triumphs

By Michael Bradley

**W**hile swollen skies pelted Anaheim Stadium with raindrops last December, disconsolate USC football fans watching the Freedom Bowl must've figured they were watching impostors. Certainly, the water would wash away the maroon and gold dye on the Trojan uniforms and reveal that Oregon State or Temple had donned the garb and were masquerading as a USC team. After all, this couldn't be the proud Southern Cal program absorbing a 24-7 shellacking by Fresno State. Could it?

Sure enough, that was USC being routed by the Bulldogs. Even worse, the Fresno folks were rubbing it in. About 30,000 of them trekked south for the game, outnumbering the Trojan supporters by a 3-to-1 margin—on their own Southern California turf. The once-proud USC program, home to the legends of Howard Jones, O.J. Simpson, John McKay and Marcus Allen, was reduced to fodder for the WAC runner-up. An aberration? No, this was the hideous reality of 1990s USC football.

"USC football has an unusual mystique about it," says John Robinson, rehired to coach the Trojans back to the glory days he helped produce. "A little of that had slipped."

Slipped? How about tumbled down 10 flights of stairs. During the '70s and early '80s, USC was synonymous with football success. Student Body Left. Student Body Right. Top-10 rankings. The Rose Bowl. Heisman candidates.

These days USC has joined former collegiate mega-powers like Texas, Ohio State, Oklahoma and LSU in an infuriating slide away from the limelight. They're no longer locks for major bowl games or automatic residents of the highest reaches of wire-service polls.

The five once-glorious programs are rebuilding, chasing the perennial success that has eluded them. Some are farther along than others. Ohio State played in the Florida Citrus Bowl last season on New Year's Day (and lost). Texas is only three years removed from the Cotton Bowl. Oklahoma won a national championship in 1985, and LSU tied for the SEC title in 1988.

However, none has maintained any consistent success, the kind of achievement they once enjoyed. Using different methods, each is trying to recapture that elusive gridiron formula for 10-win seasons, major bowl appearances and national championship contention. Here's how they're doing it.

### NEW CORPORATE CULTURE

When Mississippi State's Jackie Sherrill emasculated that poor bull last September, he was trying to motivate his team. What he really did was create a metaphor for University of Texas football these days. The once-proud Longhorns are no longer nearly as potent as they once were.

Last year's 6-5 record was a minuscule improvement over



**Rosier times.** When USC last won a Rose Bowl game (1990), tailback Ricky Ervins scored the game-winning TD with 1:10 left and claimed MVP honors.

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**Jason Simmons** continues to be one of the best defensive ends in the country, yet that and Ohio State's second-place finish in the Big Ten last season failed to satisfy hometown fans.

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the Longhorns' 5-6 mark in 1991. Sure, Texas made it to the Cotton Bowl following the '90 campaign (and was mauled by Miami, 46-3), but there hasn't been too much success in Austin in the last few years. Things are quite removed from the Earl Campbell era and Darrell Royal's glory days in the late '60s and early '70s.

"We need to play catch-up in some respects to the best programs in the country, in the areas of recruiting, facilities and general organization of football," says second-year Texas coach John Mackovic. "When you come into a program or a business and take it over, and things haven't gone well, changes [have] to be made."

Mackovic was imported from the University of Illinois to update the antiquated Texas run-first, score-points-later offense. He has also been faced with re-establishing Texas' primacy in its own state. Texas A&M rules the Lone Star roost these days, and outside programs are stocking their programs with the state's prime recruits for the last decade. No longer is Billy Bob Touchdown destined to wear the Longhorns' burnt orange. He may end up in A&M crimson or even Michigan's maize and blue.

At Texas, Mackovic has instituted changes. He freed the offense from the shackles of the option and has instituted a sophisticated passing attack. He and his staff have improved relations with state high school coaches, hoping to reap recruiting dividends down the road. He streamlined day-to-day football operations, improved academic support services, updated equipment and facilities and even changed the team's practice methods. As Year 2 of the Mackovic Era dawns, the coach is optimistic but patient.

"Syracuse is a classic example of how a program should rebuild," Mackovic says. "After five years of rebuilding they stood by the coach, and in the second five years it paid off."

With any luck Texas will be doing the emasculating in future years.

## THE BIG ONE

It's ironic, really. On the bitter November 1987 day Earle Bruce learned he was fired as head coach at Ohio State, he led the Buckeyes to a win over Michigan—in Ann Arbor. Five years later his successor John Cooper, the man hired to improve on Bruce's "poor" 81-26-1 nine-year record, has yet to beat the hated Wolverines.

"Let's be honest," Cooper says. "We haven't won the big game. We haven't beaten Michigan. Last year we were so close. We were seven points away from an unbeaten [regular] season. Our [overall] talent level is better, but we haven't gotten over the hump. I don't know if we need better [individual] players or if we have to coach better or what."

The Buckeyes had better do something, or those annual

rumors about Cooper's imminent dismissal will finally become a reality. OSU hasn't been to the Rose Bowl since 1984, and the Buckeyes haven't won the venerable contest since 1973. In fact, Ohio State hasn't won a bowl game of any kind since a 1986 Cotton Bowl win over Texas A&M.

Sure, last year's 8-3-1 season was pretty good, and a 13-13 tie with Michigan represented a big step for Cooper, but Ohio State is still trying to duplicate the success it realized under cantankerous Woody Hayes. While Michigan has rolled along in the post-Bo Schembechler years, the Buckeyes have slid back.

"The bottom line is wins and losses and how well you do against Michigan," Cooper says. "We're expected, and I expect us, to win the Big Ten championship and play in the Rose Bowl."

Cooper enters his sixth year with what he calls his "first real recruiting class. They'd better deliver, because school president Gordon Gee is running out of credibility in his votes of confidence. Although Cooper has graduated most of his players (16 of 17 last year) and has suffered through the loss of several coaches to the NFL and better-paying NCAA jobs, his grace period is over. If he doesn't win this year, he'd better get his resume together.

"I've been a college coach for 31 years, and a head coach for 16," Cooper says. "I've won everywhere I've been, and we'll win here. I've never doubted that."

## GLORY DAYS PERSONIFIED

In this nostalgia-crazed country where retro is in and the present is out, it makes perfect sense that USC would hire Robinson to lead it back to the good old days. A decade removed from his seven-year (1976-82) stint as Southern Cal's

main man, during which he went 67-14-2, with three Rose Bowl wins and a national title, Robinson returns to Troy spewing rhetoric of old. Hey, it worked for Bill Walsh at Stanford.

After an up-and-down (79-74) nine-year coaching stint with the Los Angeles Rams, Robinson is back, promising a resurrection of the physical style that won for USC in the past. USC will run the ball 30 times a game. It will win Rose Bowls, national championships and Heisman Trophies. Does Marcus Allen have any eligibility left?

"When I moved to the Rams, it was the right time for me to move on," Robinson says. "It's the right time to come back [to USC], too."

Maybe. The Trojans may still wear maroon and gold, explode onto the field with one of the country's top fight songs resonating through the Coliseum and boast some all-world cheerleaders, but the '93 squad isn't the same USC team that dominated the west for so many years under Robinson and John McKay.



**John Robinson returns as Trojans head coach seeking to bring the same mix of devastating running game and tough defense that characterized his first tenure at the school.**



**LSU supporters must exercise patience, and Head Coach Curley Hallman must find a way to attract some of the nation's best high school talent to Bayou-land.**



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USC hasn't beaten Notre Dame in 10 years (Robinson had a 6-1 mark against the Irish), and the Trojans posted a poor 9-13-1 record in the past two seasons. Clearly it was time for Coach Larry Smith to go. Robinson, who has already added former Trojan standouts Dennis Thurman and Charles White to his staff, has moved back into the football complex promising a return to past glories. Not surprisingly, all of Troy is excited.

"I've felt like Bill Clinton on the campaign trail," Robinson says with a laugh. "I'm out every night talking to alumni and supporters. The mystique here is [fascinating], and we want to keep it."

Robinson had better be careful. College football has changed a little in the last decade. Power is still a valuable weapon, but speed has superseded it. Alabama's 1992 national title team and the Miami and Washington squads of previous seasons had stables full of blazers. Lest anyone think teams can still win with ground-oriented attacks, remember that the previously landlubbing Crimson Tide threw 240-plus passes last season, far more than any of Robinson's grounded squads tossed while they were rolling up 3,000-plus yards rushing during the Glory Years.

"You have to set a course you want to pursue," Robinson says. "You can't just say you want to make things like they were in the old days. Yet any group that has tradition in its program should rely heavily on that. You have to go backward to go forward. You have to set a level of expectations for yourself and try to achieve those expectations."

## THE NUMBERS GAME

For 20-plus seasons Oklahoma was the place where wishbone halfbacks came flashing around the end by the dozens and the term renegade football was invented. The Sooners could almost always be counted on for 10 wins, a shot at the national title and some sort of off-field scandal. They were some high times indeed, but oh, what a hangover.

When Gary Gibbs was hired to salvage what he could from the smoldering embers of Barry Switzer's Football Carnival, he knew there'd be some tough times ahead. Five years later it appears good things are on the horizon. A series of NCAA sanctions knocked the Sooners flat for two years, but also affected the future. Last year's 5-4-2 team had only 74 scholarship players and was comprised primarily of underclassmen. Not bad, considering only 54 turned up for spring practice in 1990.

"It's a slow process building the numbers back up," Gibbs says. "The sanctions affect you today, but also two, three and four years down the road. We knew a few years ago that 1992 would be a difficult year for us. We had to play some freshmen who weren't ready."

Gibbs expects about 80 scholarship Sooners in '93, with

two-thirds of the squad being freshmen and sophomores. However, they're quality youngsters, the type of blue-chippers Switzer used to lure back in the fast and loose days.

As Gibbs brings in the necessary talent to get Oklahoma back on the national scene, he's creating other changes to modernize the program. Gone is the wishbone, replaced by a more balanced attack that features senior quarterback Cale Gundy, already the school's all-time leading thrower. Also in place is a revamped academic and counseling support program for the players, designed to prevent any of the off-field antics that ruined Oklahoma's image under Switzer.

"We're bringing in quality student-athletes and making sure they remain student-athletes," Gibbs says. "The days of so-called renegade football and not worrying about going to class are long gone."

"We've dealt with some severe NCAA sanctions and maybe the worst off-field problems any institution has endured. Through it all we've maintained a competitive program."

## STAYING HUNGRY

When LSU fans start screaming a 2-9 record isn't the kind of rebuilding plan they expected. Head Coach Curley Hallman doesn't get too angry. He's not blind. Things are pretty tough down in Baton Rouge these days. Last year's two-win season may have featured some close losses—three by a total of seven points—but face it, the Tigers are trying to gum opponents into submission these days, not tear them apart.

So the Tiger supporters howl, and Hallman tells them to keep howling. "I want them to be patient, but to stay hungry," Hallman says. "I don't want them to lose their intensity and commitment to the program." At times Hallman sounds like a fan. "We only had two players

drafted from our program in the last two seasons," he says with disgust. "That's sad."

Now in the third year of his reconstruction of the LSU program Hallman hopes to bulk up those numbers. It'll take time, since 38 of this year's scholarship players will be freshmen or redshirt frosh. Although 45 lettermen return from last year's team, a tough schedule looms, and quick improvement on that 2-9 mark isn't likely.

Hallman understands that, and he'll be patient, even if the alumni aren't. Somewhere along the line, LSU lost that tradition of success every season of contention for the SEC title and annual bowl appearances. He hopes those youngsters on this season's team will form the nucleus of a return to the old days.

"There are teams around the country that have great maturity and talent," Hallman says. "They pass a winning tradition down from senior class to senior class. The starting point is the seniors. They're the ones who have to take pride in what they leave behind for the next class."



Texas is on its way back to prominence under the watchful eye and encouragement of John Mackovic.

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON



# Roll Tide!

## Just Like The Beloved Bear Gene Stallings Pushes Alabama All The Way To The Top

By Craig Ellenport

**A**mid all the hoopla and revelry following Alabama's Sugar Bowl win last January, which clinched the 12th national championship in Crimson Tide football history, a longtime Alabama diehard presented head coach Gene Stallings with a special gift: a framed picture of Bear Bryant.

The more things change...well, you know how that line goes. It's just another example of how the storied tradition and time-honored past of the Alabama football program continues to crash the party being thrown by the current administration.

Throughout Alabama's stretch run to the national championship, the media ran stories about how Stallings was clawing his way out from under the enormous shadow cast by Bryant, who

(right) Gene Stallings lives in Bear Bryant's shadow, but has managed to create a winning tradition of his own. Since arriving in Tuscaloosa, Stallings has compiled an .838 winning percentage.

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won 323 games in 25 years as head coach in Tuscaloosa. Stallings never flinched at the onslaught of Bryant references. First of all, he has no desire to rid himself of that shadow; it's more like a security blanket that keeps warm his memories of 12 years playing for and coaching with Bryant. Second, he couldn't escape that shadow if he tried. Even now, with his first national championship under his belt, Stallings has been honored with the "Bryant Award" as national coach of the year. Then some crazy fan gives him a picture of



(above) Defense was the key to success for Alabama last season. The Tide consistently overpowered opponents with stars such as end Eric Curry. Alabama finished first or second nationally in most defensive categories.

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(above) The Alabama football machine was in high gear when it steamrolled arch-rival Auburn, 17-0, in the final regular-season game, then beat Florida for the SEC title last season.

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(right) Frenzied fans weren't shy about showing their allegiance.

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# Roll Tide!

the Bear.

"I've had several of those, really," Stallings says. "That's just the feeling people in Alabama have for Coach Bryant." Of course, Stallings acknowledges he already had "a few" Bryant pictures hanging in his house, just as he acknowledges the shadow and the fact it won't go away. "Whoever's coaching at Alabama is going to be living under it anyway," he says, "so that just has to be accepted."

With or without the shadow Stallings has restored this program to its past glory—so much so that more than 15,000 ardent fans showed up for the team's awards ceremony. While the crowd in Coleman Coliseum looked on in jubilation, countless others watched the festivities on pay-per-view television at \$14.95 a pop.

"It was just unbelievable," says *Tucson Citizen* sports columnist Corky Simpson, who was a guest of honor after gaining notoriety as the lone Associated Press poll voter to rank Alabama No. 1 from the start of the season. Simpson, making his first trip to the state of Alabama, also served as grand marshal for a victory parade the day after the banquet. "It was amazing, the energy and the number of people who turned out," says the Arizona sports writer. "I've never seen anything like it in my life. I came away thinking no matter what anybody says to me in the future about the fans in Nebraska or Oklahoma or Notre Dame or anywhere else, nobody can top Alabama. Those people are absolutely amazing."

A crowd of fans, estimated to number between 60,000 and 80,000, hit the streets of Tuscaloosa for the parade, most of them remaining for a pep rally later that day. (Simpson, by the way, ducked into a local watering hole after the parade, where he was asked to autograph dozens of cocktail napkins.)

This was the last weekend in January, but you might've thought it was just moments after the final gun at the Sugar Bowl. "We're still on a high down here," Stallings said in mid-March, just before the Tide was set to

begin spring practice. "We're still excited."

Stallings, who's now 31-6 in three seasons at the helm, came along at the right time. He replaced Bill Curry, who left to take the coaching job at Kentucky after three turbulent seasons in Tuscaloosa. Curry, a Georgia Tech grad, had no ties to Alabama, an innocent character flaw that some folks in Alabama simply couldn't overlook. Curry fashioned a 26-10 record in his tenure with the Tide, but it wasn't enough to satisfy some unreasonable fans—one of whom went so far as to throw a rock through his office window. When Stallings took the job in 1990, Alabama lost its first three games of the season—the school's worst start since

makes the fans hungrier. "I've been under quite a bit of pressure to live up to the standards that Coach Bryant has set," Stallings says. "Now that we've at least gotten to the mountaintop, the pressure will come from within, trying to maintain."

As if repeating as champion isn't hard enough in any sport, Stallings will be reminded constantly that Alabama is the last team to turn the trick in college football, having won back-to-back crowns in 1978-79. Bryant, of course, coached those teams. While the Tide was afforded the luxury of sneaking up on some people last year, its 1993 opponents have already circled their calendars.

"It's gonna be tough, there's no doubt about that," says former Alabama great Kenny Stabler. "But a lot of people didn't think they could do it last year, but they did."

They did it against a Miami team that had won four national championships of its own in the last nine years. While none of those four titles came in succession, it was still accurate to call the Hurricanes a dynasty. Now that the Tide has turned, is Alabama ready to launch its own assault on the dreaded "D" word?

"I think Coach Stallings has brought the program back to where people expect things like that out of Alabama," says Stabler. "They expect conference titles and Sugar Bowl victories. Young kids who go there will expect to compete for a national title."

Alabama is the sleeping giant that has come out of hibernation, and the Tide now joins the ranks of perennial national contenders. It's a select group—Miami, Notre Dame and Florida State are the only charter members. When Alabama went 11-1 in 1991, few people saw it coming. Now, however, the expectations are limitless.

The expectations have always been there in the football-crazed state of Alabama. Now they've crossed regional borders—which will only help the cause, says Alabama recruiting coordinator Randy Ross. He recalls a trip to a Georgia mall earlier this year, where he witnessed first-hand the results of winning a national championship. Since Alabama is popular throughout the Southeast, Ross is never surprised to see an occasional fan outside state lines wearing a 'Bama hat. "But this year," he says, "there's a hundred high school-aged kids wearing Alabama



**A lasting tribute to Bear Bryant.**

PHOTO: JAMES D. SMITH

**Alabama's offensive unit was often underrated last season, but it was strong enough to score at least 13 points in every game.**

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1956—and was embarrassed in a 35-7 Fiesta Bowl loss to Louisville. An inauspicious start, but the Tide has only lost one game since the New Year's Day loss to Louisville in 1991.

Still, Stallings is a few notches below the Bear. His .838 winning percentage is the best in 'Bama history (unless you count Allen McCants, who was 1-0 in 1987), but the former Phoenix Cardinals head coach ranks only fourth in national championships won at Alabama. Ahead of him are Frank Thomas (a Notre Dame grad, of all things), who won the title twice, and Wallace Wade, who wore the crown three times. Then there's the Bear with six.

The pressure to win is always there, Stallings admits, but winning only



hats." Those are the kinds of things, Ross adds, that will help recruiting and help ensure Alabama stays at or near the top.

Alabama finished with a 1993 class that was rated fifth in the nation by recruiting expert Allen Wallace. As Ross states, the '94 crop should be even better.

Then again, how bad can a Tide recruiting class possibly be? Experts called Bill Curry's 1988 crop the worst recruiting class ever at Alabama—that group included running back (and Sugar Bowl MVP) Derrick Lassie, All-America defensive ends Eric Curry and John Copeland, fullback Martin Houston, linebacker Derrick Oden, guard George Wilson and receiver Prince Wimbley.

Wallace, however, predicts that Alabama's Sugar Bowl triumph won't make that great a difference in recruiting. "The national championship ain't what it's cracked up to be in terms of recruiting," says Wallace, editor and publisher of *SuperPrep* magazine. There are many other factors. You've got kids choosing Auburn because it has a different argument to present."

Wallace says that standout prepster Jessie McConery's switch from Alabama to Auburn left him "totally shocked." Possible reasons for the change of heart? Perhaps McConery was afraid he wouldn't crack the starting lineup with Alabama right away. Or maybe he just made some good friends during his trip to Auburn. It could be he just didn't like the idea that everybody thought he was a lock to join the Tide.

"I'm sure that some pretty impressive guys from the Auburn side got hold of him," Wallace muses, "and they did a good job of convincing him that it's not always right to be on the side of the champion. You can make an effective argument that there's nowhere to go but down."

That doesn't seem to be the case for Alabama in 1993. The Tide must replace some key players, but the chances of repeating appear quite reasonable. This time last year you knew three things about the Tide: Receiver/return specialist David Palmer would be a lethal offensive weapon, possibly a contender for the Heisman Trophy. Quarterback Jay Barker, a sophomore, would only get better. And you knew the defense was outstanding.

As it turned out, Palmer never got his footing after being arrested on drunk driving charges—once before the season started and again after the first game of the season. Barker, though

continuing to grow into a mature field leader with confidence beyond his young age, didn't improve much as a quarterback. Furthermore, to a certain extent, you were wrong about the defense, too. There's no way you thought it was *that* good.

What the Alabama defense did in 1992 rivaled the 1961 squad, which helped Bryant win his first national championship. It didn't reach the extraordinary proportions of that '61 squad (which, led by the likes of Lee Roy Jordan and current Tide defensive coordinator Bill Oliver, allowed a total of just 25 points in 11 games), but it was dominant nonetheless.

The Tide ranked first in the nation last season in total defense (194.2 yards per game) and rushing defense (55 yards per game—same as the '61 team). It was second in pass defense (139.2) and scoring defense (9.1). Add to those numbers: 47 sacks, 22 interceptions, 16 fumble recoveries and a mere 22-per-

cent conversion rate on third down for the team's need for him last season. "I hope we'll be able to involve him a little bit more. Maybe those distractions are behind him, and things will work out a little better."

Another strong consideration in Alabama's bid to repeat is a schedule featuring seven home games. Chances are the Tide won't be challenged until an Oct. 16 home game against Southeastern Conference rival Tennessee, which is followed by a trip to Ole Miss. The annual season finale is at Auburn for only the second time ever, but the Tigers plan to be in a rebuilding mode in Tommy Bowden's first year as coach.

"To repeat as national champions they'll need to have a lot of things break right for them," says former Tide All-American Lee Roy Jordan. "But I think during the next three to five years they'll be among the top competitors for the national championship every year."

"This [championship] is a tremendous boost in getting Alabama football back to where it's supposed to be," says another former Tide great, Dwight Stephenson. "And that's having the chance to win a national championship every year."

If that's where the program is "supposed to be," then isn't it conceivable Alabama fans might just as easily turn on Stallings if the Tide—dare we think it—fails to live up to expectations? "I don't think so," says Simpson. "What he achieved last season makes him special. This is a whole different thing. They know that the Bear Bryant era is over and this is a new one. I don't think they're ever going to compare Stallings to Bryant. They're always going to have a tremendous amount of respect for both of them."

Let's put it this way: There won't be any rocks flying through the window of the coach's office. "The thing about football is that we've got to prove it every week," Stallings says, adding that if the boobirds do eventually return to Bryant-Denny Stadium, he'll be prepared. "I don't like that in college football at all," he says, "but nothing surprises me."

For now, at least, Stallings is the main man in the state of Alabama. Not the man to remove the much-ballyhooed shadow of Bear Bryant, because that won't happen. Rather, Stallings is the man who can lead the Tide through an entirely new period of college football dominance. Who knows, maybe someday there will be crazed Alabama fans presenting a new Tide coach with a picture of Gene Stallings.



**A salute to the best college team in America.**  
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cent conversion rate on third down for the opposition.

Heralded defensive end prospects Jeremy Nunley and Dameian Jeffries step in for Curry and Copeland. Cornerback Tommy Johnson, who had an interception in the Sugar Bowl, joins returning star Antonio Langham in what will be one of the best secondaries in the nation.

The key to keeping Alabama on top, however, may be a productive Palmer. The once and future Heisman candidate never was assimilated into the offensive game plan last season, though he seemed to shake off some of the early season distractions in time to have a couple of big punt returns in the Sugar Bowl. "He's been doing extremely well," says Stallings, who put Palmer's mental well-being ahead of



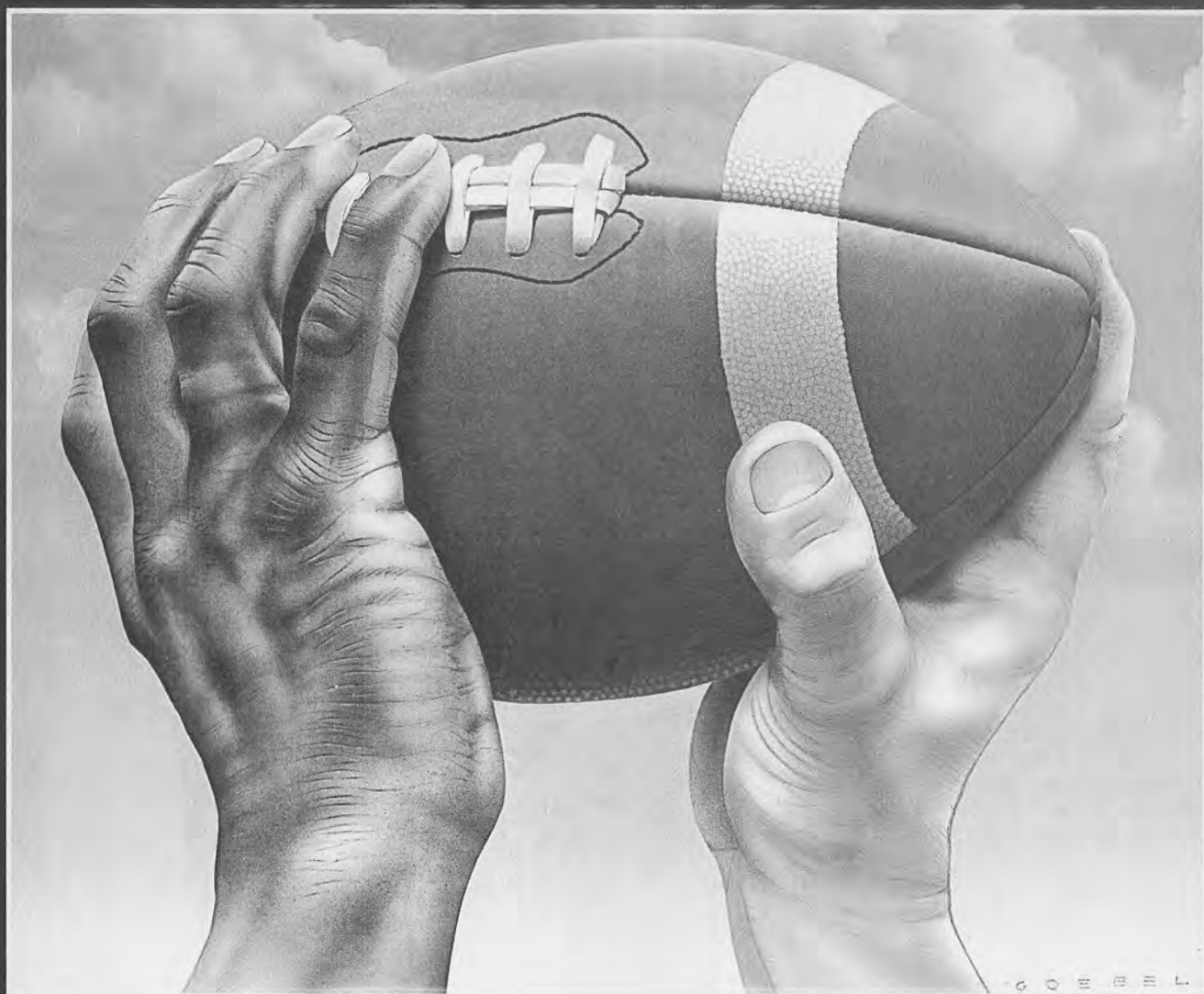


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# Blackout!

## *Major College Football: Touchdowns, Trombones And A (Virtual) Total Eclipse Of Black Coaches*

By Darryl Howerton & Russell R. Holster Jr.

**C**ompared to the university presidents and athletic directors running college football, Marge Schott is qualified to head the Cincinnati chapter of the NAACP.

The suspended Cincinnati Reds owner may or may not have called her players "million-dollar niggers"; she may or may not have a Nazi flag hanging proudly in her home; she may or may not have sanctioned the hiring of Cuban manager Tony Perez in an effort to deflect cries of racism, then mutely stood by as Perez was fired after just 44 games. Whether or not the inimitable Ms. Schott has as much respect and concern for them as she does for her famous pooches, at least she has established a track record of hiring minority managers to run her ball club.

More than 90 percent of the powers-that-be in college football cannot make the same statement. They've never hired a minority as a head football coach in their school's history—and they provide no evidence they ever intend to. College football's record is so bad, you begin to wonder if athletic directors and school presidents would prefer to have their official title changed to Master.

You might say we're going a little too far with that last comment. Perhaps, but the hiring practices of college football's community of programs are beyond questionable, they are blatantly discriminatory.

Consider that people of African descent make up approximately 12 percent of the nation's population, and that close to half of the major-college football players are black. Yet of 107 NCAA Division I-A college football programs, only three currently have black head coaches. That equals 1.9 percent, a number so pathetic it makes the NFL's paltry seven percent (two out of 28) seem magnanimous.

The three college coaches are all newly hired. Temple, Wake Forest and Eastern Michigan may not be Alabama, Southern Cal and Notre Dame, but at least they're a start, and it's better than last year when there were exactly zero black head coaches. That's right. Zero! As in zip! And if you're thinking there might be a few major-college football coaches of Latino or Asian descent, forget it. Their number remains at a flat, round zero.

Meanwhile, there are 104 Coach Whites.

You know Coach White. He probably works at a universi-



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ty near your hometown. Remember him back in the old days? The All-American kid? The football hero? Went on to make a name for himself in college, might've made a little noise in the pros. He couldn't play football forever, so he began as an assistant coach at Somewhere University. He worked his way up the ranks with his peers and then, *ta-daa*, became Coach White—the tough-leader, saliva-spitting, attaboy-speaking, obscenity-tirading, beer-bellied, no-BS-taking man you see leading his team out onto the field today.

Coach White isn't necessarily a bad man. He's just typical of what we've come to accept in our Webster's definition of *college football head coach*. Remember, Coach White probably had teammates of a different color who were football heroes, too. They also made a name for themselves in college and might even have made some noise in the pros, but that's where the common bond ends with Coach White and prospective coaches of other races. A few determined minorities pop up on coaching rosters, but as assistants with little hope for advancement.

To be sure, opportunities for minority coaches are much brighter in the lesser divisions of the NCAA and in the NAIA. Yet the dream and ultimate goal of any college football coach is to lead a big-time program. In America that dream should be open to all, without prejudice.

Yet the situation in major-college football more resembles one of our country's least honorable institutions of the past rather than her highest values. If the vile plantation system that kept black slaves under the heels of white masters still exists in subtle form, it exists in major-college football.

The hiring of three new black coaches suggests there's at least hope that things may be changing. Additional pressure is coming as well from the Rev.

Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition for Fairness in Athletics, which plans public protests of the NCAA's hiring practices in August. Nevertheless, there's no denying the plantation mentality still exists throughout college football.

How in the midst of the New World Order (not to mention New Age) can this mentality prevail? In college athletics the source of corruption and vice is usually the powerful and high-profile booster programs. Ditto in this matter. Booster groups are clearly more comfortable with the Coach Whites of the world. Many, if not most, alumni groups are still dominated by supporters who grew up in a different, less enlightened era. Athletic directors and presidents are keenly aware of alumni apprehension and

don't want to risk losing "old money."

"I think there's a stereotype that we don't mix well in social functions," says new Temple head coach Ron Dickerson, the first of the three black head coaches hired in January 1993. "I totally disagree. I can go into any [kid's] home, white or black, and I can attend a social function with any prominent person in this country and do an outstanding job for Temple University."

"But I strongly believe that the image some alumni have is distorted. They're still thinking as if we're in the 1950s. It's not that way anymore."

Certainly it's not that way anymore with players, many of whom would welcome the chance to play for a coach of a different color. The college

players of today have no concept of what segregation was all about. Black or white, they grew up in an integrated (well, for the most part) society, idolized both black and white players, played alongside and against players of different color and may even have had a minority coach in high school. When it comes to big-time college programs, however, the curtain of segregation falls almost as surely as it did in the 1950s.

We're in the '90s now. Alumni, athletic directors and university presidents need to wake up to that fact.

College football need look no further than Major League Baseball to see what a moral morass can develop if racial inequities aren't dealt with properly. Long considered outright racist, baseball suffered one black eye after another, and last summer a Jesse Jackson-led boycott was even organized to protest baseball's unacceptable hiring practices. Baseball is getting the message. This past Opening Day in April, 25 percent of the managers



**Ron Dickerson of Temple opens the 1993 season against Eastern Michigan in the first-ever meeting of two 1-A teams employing African-American head coaches.**

were minorities.

Ironically, it was in 1992 that a black manager, Cito Gaston, led his Toronto Blue Jays to a World Series Championship, the same season Felipe Alou guided the Montreal Expos to a surprisingly strong finish. In the NFL Dennis Green took the Minnesota Vikings to a division title. In college football one need look no further than the glittering record of Grambling's Eddie Robinson—who has won more college football games than anyone—for proof positive that minorities can coach.

"But I think that's unfair," says Wake Forest head coach Jim Caldwell, who along with Dickerson and Eastern Michigan's Ron Cooper is one of the three minority head



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coaches in Div. I-A. "It's unfair because does that mean any African-American will do well because some other African-American coach did? Or if he did poorly, would they not hire an African-American again? Let's try the antithesis of that statement. Would they hire a Caucasian for the same job if the Caucasian before had a losing record?"

Caldwell is right. Gaston, Alou, Green, Robinson didn't succeed simply because they're black, but because they're the people they are. The only significant thing they really share is that they got a chance. That precious chance. A minority coach isn't going to succeed because he's a minority, but because of the total package of personality and preparation he brings to the job.

Conversely, neither is a white coach going to succeed or fail based solely on his skin color. It's funny how the "white side" of this equation is clearly understood, but not so the "black side." In major-college football so very few blacks have been given an opportunity to succeed, and this situation has everything to do with their skin color. On the flip side virtually 100 percent of the coaches who were miserable failures were white, but this blatant coincidence is entirely overlooked.

Fair or not, a lot of eyes will be on the programs at Temple, Wake Forest and Eastern Michigan for that very reason. The eyes of skeptical alumni everywhere, the eyes of curious ADs and school presidents and the anxious eyes of prospective minority coaches, who desperately need these programs to succeed. Caldwell, Dickerson and Cooper have the added, and decidedly unfair, burden of pressure to succeed not only for themselves, their players and school, but also for their entire race. Even so, these three guys are happy to be where they are—and the wise wouldn't dare bet against them.

"In the short period of time we had to recruit, we went out and outreached a lot of top-flight institutions," says Dickerson. "One thing that I found out, and it held true with a lot of kids, but more so with African-Americans, was that kids and their parents wanted to be coached by an African-American. Not just anyone, but a qualified African-American with a staff of outstanding coaches and recruiters with something outstanding to sell in the university. We had a lot of parents saying to us, along with the student-athlete, both black and white, that they were excited to have this opportunity."

That's the good news. The bad news is not enough of these

opportunities exist as of now. Until more do, there'll continue to be something rotten about college football and, indeed, something wrong about our country.

Surely we don't have to get bogged down in quotas and nitpicking score-keeping, but the true values of this nation—as clearly stated in the Constitution and Bill of Rights—aren't being served by the racial inequality that still exists in many areas of our culture, major-college football being just one glaring example.

As we move toward a new millennium, isn't it time to finally start living up to the higher moral consciousness for which the United States of America has always aspired? With liberty, equality and the pursuit of happiness as

bywords of our unity as one people, can't we find a better balance between the races than is evidenced in so many ways in our society?

Isn't it possible to begin to perceive the great diversity of our people as a national strength rather than a dividing issue? Must we see each other in simplistic monochrome as blacks and whites, or can we open ourselves to the vision of ourselves as complex, colorful human beings, but Americans all?

Beyond national moral consciousness, no matter who we are, no matter where we came from, we are all children of the same magnificent life-giving Force, call it what you will. The vastly different pathways that our ancestral lines traveled to bring us to this time and place have delivered us in the company of each other, and we have the choice to either stupidly reject or wisely embrace our innate familyhood. The fundamental reality of the human species is we're all on the same team. When that basic truth is denied, we are all shamed.

The shame of big-time college football is epitomized by the fate of Grambling's Eddie Robinson. The win-

ningest coach in college football history was never offered a major-college head coaching job.

In the 1981 book *In Your Face*, Robinson says, "I really love what I'm doing at Grambling. But I would at least like to have had the opportunity to turn down a job. Every white coach in the country with my tenure has had that opportunity."

It's 12 years later, and Robinson's words still ring true today. The plantation mentality may be fading a bit, but there's no mistaking, it's still here in 1993. It's still here, and it's still wrong. Until they get it right, the "major" in major-college football should be construed by everyone to mean "major problem."



**"I consider myself a good coach who happens to be black."—Ron Cooper, Head Coach, Eastern Michigan University**



**Formerly an assistant at Penn State, Jim Caldwell brings organization and a commitment to winning to Wake Forest.**



# 1993 RECRUIT

## Seminoles, Wolverines Big Winners

By Forrest Davis

**R**ating a class of college football recruits is a difficult, oftentimes controversial task. In a normal year choosing between one school or another, relative to which one signed the best players, can be quite contentious, but in a year when great players abound, the difference from class to class can become almost ridiculously close.

Rating players on pure athletic ability and football playing skill is the only reasonable way to approach the process, although academics certainly count. Some conferences, such as the SEC and ACC, have rules prohibiting the signing of Prop. 48 cases (those players who've failed to score above 700 on the SAT). However, for purposes of evaluation, especially with schools that can sign Prop. 48 players, our evaluation will concentrate on the players' athletic ability.

Due to the proliferation of cable television outlets and other mass communications networks, almost every good high school player is known and written about. Of course, some do manage to slip through the cracks in the recruiting press. The problem that most fans have is with inconsistent ratings, which inevitably lead to some players being over- or under-rated. Player ratings are subjective. Sometimes they're rated high because a major college is recruiting them, some perform in small leagues that don't have a huge talent pool, which they can dominate. However, that ability to dominate doesn't always carry over into college.

Even with the problems associated with the ratings process it's no worse than the talent evaluation that goes on in the NFL. Though the pros have the opportunity to test potential draftees in combine situations, many draft picks still fail to live up to expectations. At its best, following college recruiting is an interesting and entertaining adventure for the fan.

### 1. FLORIDA STATE

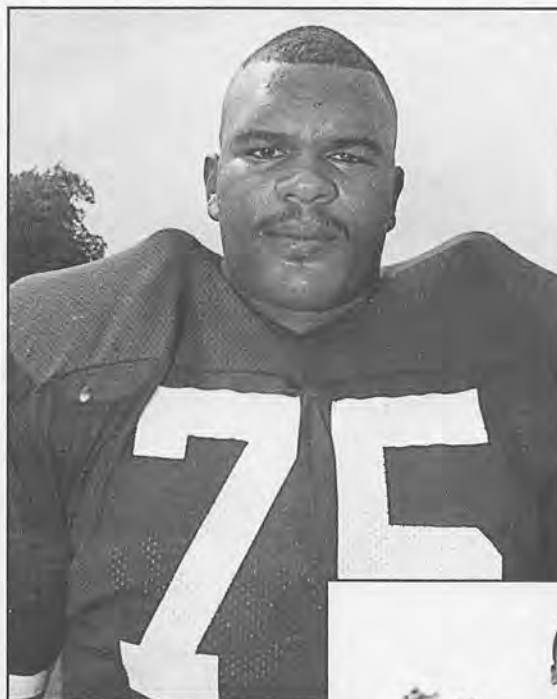
As difficult as the process of rating a class of recruits can be, there's no diffi-

culty whatsoever picking the nation's top class. Florida State removed all doubts on signing day when All-America linebacker Sam Cowart of Jacksonville, Florida, linebacker Reinard Wilson (an incredibly quick player) and All-South linebacker Daryl Bush inked with the Seminoles. Seminole head coach Bobby Bowden also ended a national recruiting battle by signing Andre Cooper, arguably the nation's best prep wide receiver.

Florida State has lost two opportunities at winning a national championship because of inadequate place-kicking.

That problem appears to have been solved after the signing of Scott Bentley, from Aurora, Colorado. Bentley is a 4.4 sprinter, a fine baseball player and the best high school kicker in America. This guy has unbelievable range.

Surprisingly, this FSU class is most notable for its wealth of defensive rather than offensive players. Even with players such as Clarence "Pooh Bear" Williams, the South's top fullback, coming on the scene, defense leads the way. Defense at Florida State? What can Bobby Bowden and his assistants be up to?



Kelton Dixon



Warrick Dunn



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## 2. MICHIGAN

Without a doubt Michigan is one of the Top 5 all-time programs in college football history. As a high-profile program Michigan is a vehicle that allows Coach Gary Moeller to recruit nationally with great success. Of course, to be successful a program must get its share of local prospects, but the ability to attract the best players from other states is what sets the Wolverines apart from other schools.

Florida has always been good to Michigan. This year's contribution of significance from the Sunshine State is defensive end Trevor Pryce of Winter Haven. Trevor, a quick, slashing-type player, committed to Georgia early in the signing period, but reconsidered and is headed to Ann Arbor. Michigan was picky in South Carolina. They only wanted the best and came close to getting it with the signing of J.J. Brown. Brown is a versatile athlete who could play linebacker, fullback or tight end.

Although the South has been kind to the Michigan program, areas closer to home proved fertile again this year. Damion Denson a 6-5, 270-pounder, was the top-line prospect in Pennsylvania. Clarence Thompson of Detroit is a super defensive back, and Scott Loeffler of Barbenton, Ohio, is one of the nation's top prep quarterbacks.

Speed, size and diversity best describe this class. Don't look for a drop-off in the quality of Michigan football any time soon.

## 3. NOTRE DAME

The Irish always seem to be in the Top 10 when the ink dries. Why not? Notre Dame has enough national clout to recruit any player it wants.

Without doubt, this year's major acquisition for Coach Lou Holtz is Ron Powlus of Berwick, Pennsylvania. Powlus is the nation's top quarterback prospect and one of the most impressive young men you'll ever meet. Powlus expects to play early in his college career. Bet on it.

National running back recruit Robert Farmer of Bolingbrook, Illinois, gives the Irish a long-range scoring threat, and 6-2, 225-pound fullback Ron Hardin is a Kentucky native who'll be in the running to replace NFL-bound Jerome Bettis.

Melvin Dansby is one of the few big-

timers ever to leave the state of Alabama. Dansby is a 6-5, 240-pound outside linebacker from Birmingham. He played at Ensley High School, which was also once the training ground of NFL All-Pro Cornelius Bennett.

## 4. TENNESSEE

It was a dream-come-true recruiting season for Tennessee. The Vols may not be No. 1 in the country, but they did seem to finish first with every player they coveted. From Louisiana, where defensive tackle Billy Beron was spirited away, to North Carolina where the Vol's landed superstar runner Jay Graham, this was a big year for the Big Orange.

Tennessee has had trouble for years keeping the state's top prospect at home. However, the Vols delivered this year when defensive back Travis Cozart

of Lenoir City signed. Another plus is running back/defensive back Ronnie Pillow of Columbia, who may turn out to be the most effective of all the players signed by Tennessee.

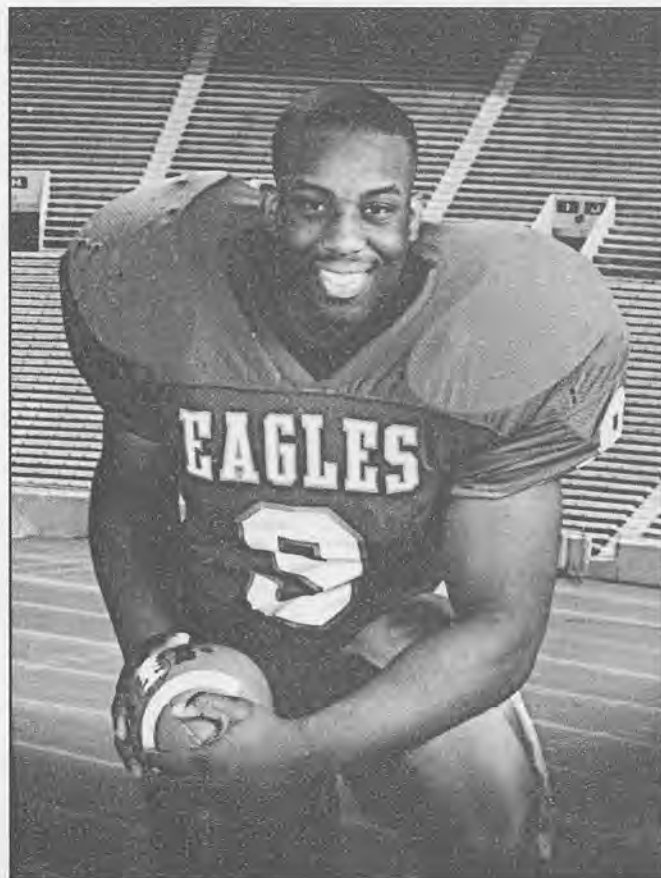
Trey Teague, a great offensive line prospect (6-5, 250 pounds) from Jackson, combined with Brad Lampley (6-5, 250 pounds) of Louisville, Kentucky, (the top prospect in the Bluegrass state) provide the Vols faithful a reason to cheer.

The only disappointing recruiting note for Coach Phillip Fulmer was the tragic drowning of Ivan Zenon, a youngster from Louisiana who had a bright future as a collegiate offensive lineman.

## 5. ALABAMA

The Tide came close to challenging Florida State for 1993's best recruiting class, but fell short when Sam Cowart

Julian Pittman





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those the Seminoles. Even so, Alabama followed its national championship run with a recruiting season that has the potential to keep it on top for awhile.

Joel Holliday of Six Mile, South Carolina, Will Friend of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and Chris Jordan of Jackson, Alabama, may be the best group of offensive linemen ever signed by the Tide.

Additionally, perhaps no team in the country signed a better quarterback duo than Lance Tucker and Freddie Kitchens. Kitchens possesses a cannon-like arm, and Tucker has been playing varsity football since the sixth grade! Each has a different playing style, but they're both proven winners.

Curtis Alexander was rated the top running back prospect in the South, and Damien Valley is a running back from Aldine, Texas, who has true 4.4 speed. Both will play early for the Tide.

## 6. STANFORD

Stanford in the Top 10? You bet! The reason, of course, is Bill Walsh.

Walsh may not like to recruit—or even remember how—after being in the NFL forever, but the players know about Walsh, and his presence is reason enough for many to head West.

The head of this class is quarterback Scott Frost of Wood River, Nebraska. Frost amassed more than 11,000 yards of offense in his high school career. He has a great arm, is an accurate passer and an overall great athlete to boot.

Frost has overwhelming stats, but Tim Carey of Seal Beach, California, must think he can compete. Carey is a fine quarterback who threw for nearly 3,400 yards as a senior! Could this mean Air Walsh will be based in Palo Alto the next few years? Maybe. However, Walsh knows that power football often wins games as well. Therefore, Stanford fans should come to love fullbacks Greg Comella and Adam Salina. Comella was Player of the Year in Massachusetts, and Salina was No. 1 in Connecticut.

Mike Mitchell is a running back who fits in that "flash" category just men-

tioned. With more than 5,600 yards in his career Mitchell ranks as Arizona's all-time high school rusher.

This is a great class by any standard. What will Bill Walsh do with all this talent? Win. Win. Win.

## 7. MIAMI

For years the key to Miami's football success has been the Hurricane system, with speed and individual athletic ability the grease that made the machine run so smoothly. However, that was yesteryear. If this year's class is any indication, sheer talent may finally supplant the system in order of importance. Is there a better freshman athlete than Jammi German? Doubtful. German, the *USA Today* Defensive Player of the Year, is one of the fastest players at any level and a once-in-a-lifetime prospect for most coaches.

The signing of linebacker James Burgess of Homestead, Florida, was particularly important for the Hurricanes because his position has been so central to Miami's recent success. Freeman Brown is a mountain of an offensive lineman at 6-7, 315 pounds. Brown is a dominating player who'll give Miami a boost wherever he plays.

Orlando's Kennard Lang is another linebacker of extraordinary ability who'll have a chance to play immediately. At 6-5, 250 pounds, he's blessed with a size advantage, a factor Miami sought in many of its recruits. Taj Johnson of Ardmore, Oklahoma, is a wide receiver who should carry on Miami's tradition of stellar deep threats.

It has been said that some programs never rebuild, they simply reload. Miami fits that description this year.

## 8. OKLAHOMA

Who was the top high school running back in the U.S. last year? Hard to say, but you'd have a strong case if you picked James Allen of Wynnewood, Oklahoma. Allen is a big version of Detroit Lions great Barry Sanders. Speed, power, elusiveness, he's the entire package. He even catches the ball well. In his high school career Allen rushed for more than 6,000 yards!

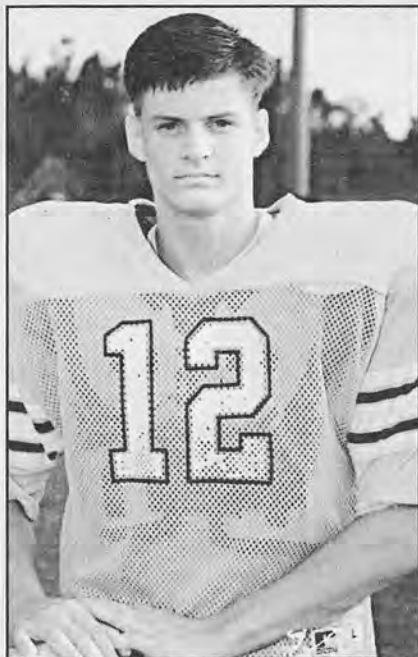
Oklahoma had a great recruiting year overall, but it was Allen's signature on a letter of intent that put them in our Top 10.

Jerald Moore of Houston, Texas, is another quality back who hopes to compete for playing time in the Sooner lineup, and Oklahoma's Defensive Player of the Year, Tyrell Peters, adds



Curtis Alexander





**Thad Busby**

punch to this class. Cornelius Davis is a solid prospect at quarterback who was the best at his position in Oklahoma as a prep.

Bruce McClure, a 6-5, 255-pound defensive tackle considered by most as the top line prospect in Oklahoma, should vie for playing time as a result of his superior quickness.

How good is this class? Good enough to make the Sooners Big Eight championship contenders and maybe even better.

## **9. FLORIDA**

By all accounts this wasn't the greatest of classes for Florida. Gator fans seemed subdued on signing day, but that's relative. Relative to Florida State's, most of the other recruiting classes do look mundane, but relative to most other programs Florida had a Top 10 class.

Defensive end Elijah Brown is a great one who has something in common with Florida's other 1993 signees. He's home-grown. The Gators didn't sign a single out-of-state player and still managed to crack our Top 10. Does this tell you anything about the talent level in Florida?

Running back Terrence Foy from Orlando has incredible power for a 5-10, 185-pounder and possesses speed as well. We predict Foy will crack the Gator lineup as a freshman. Taras Ross of Dade City was one of the South's top three tight ends. At 6-3, 230 pounds, Ross is an efficient blocker and has good hands to boot.

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Elijah Williams has a chance to become one of college football's most exciting players. Williams is a speed running back with big-time moves and the build to run over the opposition. Gator fans will also delight in watching defensive tackle Tra Thomas play. Thomas is 6-8, weighs 290 pounds, yet has the graceful moves of a big cat.

Is this a great class? It's certainly comprised of some great individual players...and if the whole is equal to the sum of its parts, the Gators are in terrific shape.

## 10. SYRACUSE

Syracuse gets the nod for the 10th spot because of the "impact" players it

signed: All-America linebacker Dulayne Morgan of Elizabethtown, New Jersey, defensive end Jason Walters of Memphis, Tennessee, and linebacker Antwaune Ponds of Jacksonville, Florida.

Manley is an incredible athlete who stands 6-5, weighs 220 pounds and can high jump 6 feet, 11 inches. Walters is

## Best Incoming Freshmen

### OFFENSE

NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	COLLEGE
Curtis Alexander	RB	6-1	190	Alabama
James Allen	RB	6-1	215	Oklahoma
Willie Anderson	OL	6-6	290	Auburn
Scott Bentley	PK	6-1	175	FSU
Freeman Brown	OL	6-7	315	Miami
Thad Busby	QB	6-3	195	FSU
Andre Cooper	WR	6-3	182	FSU
Mike Doughty	OL	6-8	255	Notre Dame
Warrick Dunn	FL	5-9	155	FSU
Terrence Foy	FL	5-10	185	Florida
Will Friend	OL	6-3	279	Alabama
Chris Jordan	OL	6-6	295	Alabama
Jay Graham	FB	6-1	215	Tennessee
Randy Kinder	RB	6-1	205	Notre Dame
Dion Marion	RB	5-11	185	Baylor
Maurice Mebane	WR	6-3	230	JC
Carl McCullough	RB	6-3	200	Wisconsin
Jessie McCovery	TE	6-3	250	Auburn
Ron Powlus	QB	6-4	210	Notre Dame
Chris Ruhman	OL	6-6	280	Texas A&M
Derrick Steagall	QB/DB	6-2	195	Georgia Tech
Clarence Williams	FB	6-3	235	FSU

### DEFENSE

NAME	POSITION	HT	WT	COLLEGE
Billy Beron	DL	6-4	260	Tennessee
Tony Blevins	DB	6-0	170	Kansas
Elijah Brown	DL	6-4	270	Florida
Daryl Bush	LB	6-4	220	FSU
Sam Cowart	LB	6-2	235	FSU
Travis Cozart	DB	6-3	215	Tennessee
Kelton Dixon	NG	6-3	306	JC
Eric Dotson	DL	6-3	282	Mississippi State
Donnie Embra	DL	6-3	240	Oklahoma
Scott Frost	QB	6-3	200	Stanford
Jammi German	DB	6-2	180	Miami
Travis Kirschke	DL	6-5	255	UCLA
Dulayne Morgan	LB	6-5	220	Syracuse
Julian Pittman	DL	6-4	264	FSU
Greg Spires	LB	6-2	240	FSU
Tra Thomas	DL	6-8	290	FSU
Clarence Thompson	DB	6-2	180	Michigan
Allen Wilbon	DB	6-1	220	Colorado



# RECRUITING ROUNDUP



Freddie Kitchens

a 6-4, 230-pounder who has excellent speed and the ability to be a star on any level. Ponds is a gifted player who should play early in his collegiate career.

Additionally, Syracuse signed such talents as running back Tebucky Jones, who was Connecticut's Player of the Year with more than 4,000 yards rushing to his credit. Roland Williams is a big-time defensive tackle who was also New York's Player of the Year.

Syracuse had the type of recruiting year coaches build successful careers around. Don't be surprised to see the Orangemen near the top in college football for years to come.

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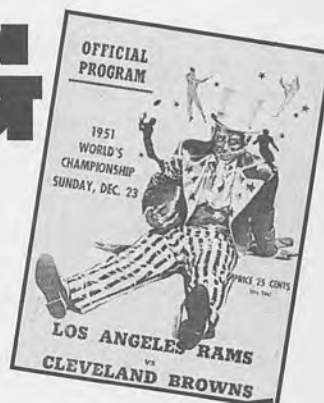
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## *It May Be Now Or Never For The Seminoles In A Season In Which Second Place Is Up For Grabs*

By Raymond Harper

**I**n 1965 a rhythm-and-blues group known as the Four Tops released a swinging, gut-busting tune entitled "It's The Same Old Song." It was an immediate chartbuster and resonates even today from jukeboxes and radio stations across the nation. OK, but what does that have to do with the 1993 college football season? Plenty. It seems nearly every year since 1988 at least a few preseason prognosticators have insisted that Bobby Bowden's Florida State Seminoles will win the national championship.

So far the prediction hasn't materialized, although it has come close. As the 1993 season looms, we say this is FSU's year to make history. In part it's because we believe in the law of averages. It has to happen sometime. In part because the Noles' perennial nemesis, the Miami Hurricanes, is at a rare vulnerable stage. Miami hasn't gotten its legs yet. They're rebuilding, but it won't take a long time. The Seminoles can exploit Miami early in the season, before the Hurricanes become full-blown.

The right time to strike is Oct. 9, and Florida State can do it on home territory. This is it. If not now. Never.

Besides Florida State, there doesn't appear to be a true dominant team in the mix of 107 Division I-A schools. Some might hasten to put Alabama in the D category, but the Tide lost much of its soul—the defense—to the NFL. Michigan? It has some shortcomings to answer, too. We believe the quest for supremacy will be a real dogfight with most participants being on equal footing as far as talent goes.

One reason for the lack of dominance beyond Tallahassee is each year more of the sports stars, usually in their junior and sometimes sophomore seasons, are fleeing to the NFL. In 1992, 37 underclassmen chose the pro route. You can't blame them. It's a gold mine for the athlete, but it usually means his former school is left to rebuild from a pool of players who were—at best—top reserves. Take Washington State, for example. The Cougars were on the brink of national prominence, improving from 4-7 in 1992 to 8-3 in 1993. However, now they'll probably have to take a step back while searching for a replacement for Drew Bledsoe, one of the nation's finest quarterbacks, who became the NFL's top pick, even though he had one year of college eligibility remaining.

All indications point to even more early exits this year. Yet there's always a flip side of everything. In this case it's that college football will be more exciting than ever, with several teams and individual players having a legitimate shot at glory.

On the pragmatic side, the best teams in 1993 probably will be those whose young players develop the quickest. Undoubtedly, that gives teams with the best coaches an

Michigan's Wolverines keep pulverizing Big Ten opponents year after year, and will celebrate their sixth league title in 1993.

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Trojan fans will follow the play of Dwight McFadden, who's trying to follow in the footsteps of some great Trojan running backs.

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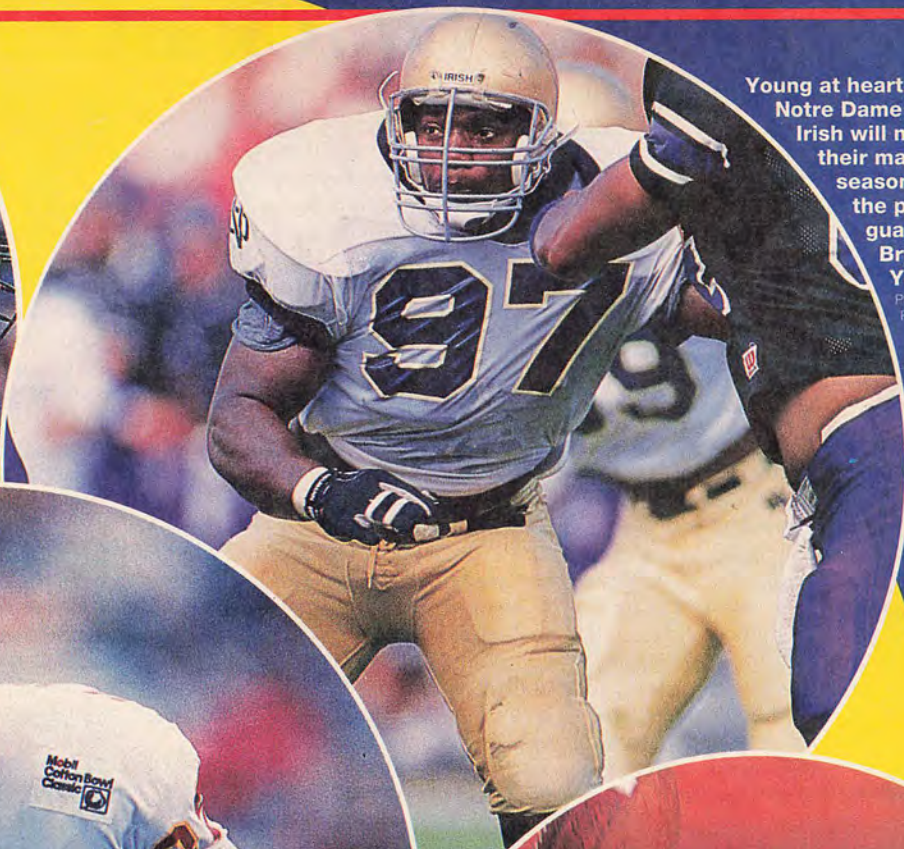


A healthy Rusty Medearis is one of the keys to a successful Miami season. He'll be the most experienced on a team laden with youngsters.

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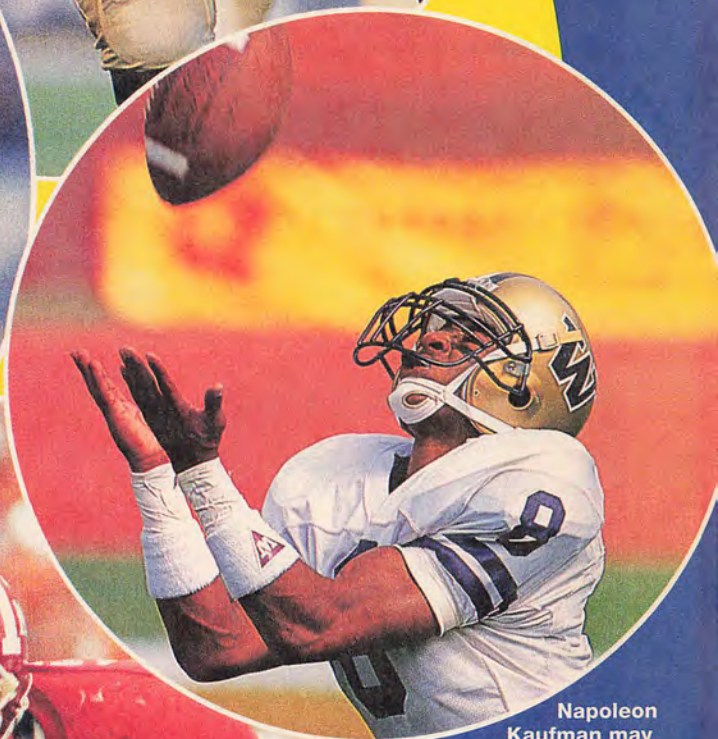
Young at heart. The Notre Dame Fighting Irish will make their mark this season behind the play of guard Bryant Young.

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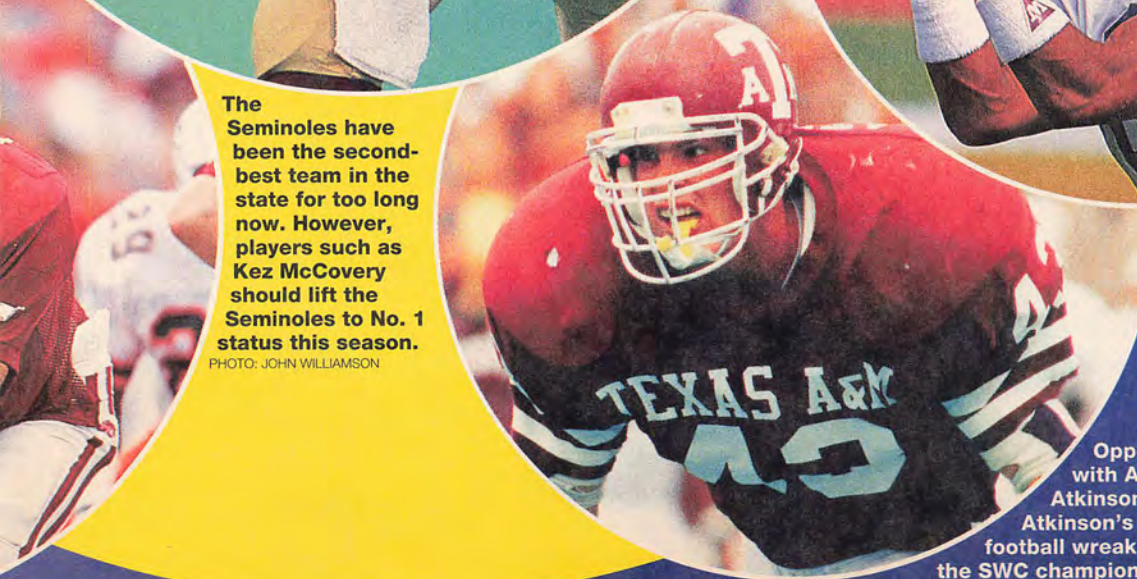
The Seminoles have been the second-best team in the state for too long now. However, players such as Kez McCovery should lift the Seminoles to No. 1 status this season.

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Napoleon Kaufman may be the most talented tailback in the Pac-10 and certainly will be one of the Huskies' go-to players as the team defends its league crown.

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Opponents will have to put up with Aggie linebacker Jason Atkinson another season. Atkinson's speed and nose for the football wreaks havoc, and should keep the SWC champions flying high.



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advantage. That's precisely how it should be.

We concede there's a lot going on regarding college football, and to help us mere mortals sort it out, we once again turn to that mystic tool that allows us to see beyond the press clippings and through the maze of PR jibber-jabber—the Petersen crystal ball. Which teams will rule the roost in 1993? Here's our crystal ball's eyevue of the Top 25.

## 1. Florida State

What makes the Seminoles our top team is their penchant for winning on the road. That was evident last season when the Noles managed to win the Atlantic Coast Conference by venturing into hostile areas such as Clemson, Georgia Tech and Virginia, and leaving with a win. The only place the visiting Noles didn't win was, of course, in Miami. Charlie Ward and mates won't have to travel that much this season because most of its crucial conference opponents will take up lodging in Tallahassee instead. Florida State is well-stocked at the important positions. At quarterback there's the incomparable Ward, who manages to garner the majority of press, but State's defense is young and talented, especially at linebacker, where Derrick Brooks roams. This year FSU has recruited the nation's premier kicker—in case a last-minute field goal is needed against a particular hated in-state rival.



**Erriq Rhett will ensure that Florida remains a factor in the SEC. This Gator is a fierce competitor, who's expert at evading tacklers.**

## 2. Michigan

The good news for the Wolverines begins with the running game. The Wolves have the barrels loaded with Tyrone Wheatley (everyone's premier All-America) and Ricky Powers, a veteran who's consistent at both running the ball and keeping quiet about his second-banana status. Then there's Jesse Johnson, who'll do whatever it takes to win. Depth is also evident at wide receiver, where five able bodies reside. A priority for the Wolverines is to replace quarterback Elvis Grbac. A difficult task this would be for most teams, but Michigan is no ordinary team. Ready to step to the front is flame-throwing Todd Collins. Collins has some experience, toiling impressively in two starts a season ago. If Mr. Collins falters a bit early, the Wolves can count on a solid defense to keep opponents at bay. Michigan is seeking its sixth consecutive Big Ten title. All systems seem to be on go.

## 3. Alabama

When people discussed the Tide last season, rarely did they give kudos to the offense, quarterback Jay Barker in particular. This season the offense must contribute more if the Tide is to roll. Therefore, a pivotal man for the Tide is flanker David Palmer. His speed drives opponents crazy, and he'll be able to use it more effectively if Barker improves. Alabama lost its two bulwarks on defense, ends Eric Curry and Russell Copeland, but like all great teams, another superstar is waiting his turn. In this case it's linebacker Lemanski Hall. The Tide returns its vaunted secondary of Antonio Langham, Sam Shade and Chris Donnelly. Also, Alabama plays seven home games this season. Bad news for opponents.

## 4. Miami

Out with the old. In with the new. The Hurricanes won't blow away opponents as easily as they have the last two years, but neither will it be a comforting breeze. Coach Dennis Erickson is a quick-change artist who's adept at making his "system" work, no matter who the personnel is. The new QB will be Frank Costa. Although he has a stronger arm and is more accurate than departed Heisman winner Gino Torretta, he might experience some rough going until he and a new crop of wide receivers adjust to each other. He'll work behind a young offensive line as well. Defensive stability hinges on defensive end Rusty Medearis' full

recovery from a serious knee injury suffered last season. By mid-season Miami again should be raising Cane.

## 5. Texas A&M

People are talking in College Station these days. They're saying good things about Corey Pullig, the young Aggies quarterback. Pullig suffered a knee injury during spring drills, but is said to be OK now. The Aggies averaged more than 40 points a game in the four games Pullig started last season. If Pullig is sound, the Aggies will be as good as last season when they went undefeated during the regular season before running out of gas in the Cotton Bowl. Also, how good the Aggies are this season depends on whether the NCAA allows running back Greg Hill to play. If he again teams with Rodney Thomas, look out. Defense is superb, keyed by a more mature and aggressive linebacker Jason Atkinson.

## 6. Notre Dame

Panic should be rampant in South Bend, Indiana. Why? Rick Mirer won't be leading the Irish offense. He'll be working in the NFL instead. Yet people seem to be at ease. Why? Because Notre Dame has enough in its cupboard to withstand the loss without much adverse impact. Kevin McDougal is the likely heir to Mirer's position, but just in case of a letdown or a case of jitters, highly touted recruit Ron Powlus is there to step in sooner or later. The running game will be entrusted to tailback Lee Becton. Now that fullback Jerome Bettis is off to the L.A. Rams, Becton should shine. So too will the Irish when all is said and done.

## 7. Stanford

Filling seven holes on defense looms as the Cardinal's biggest challenge. There's no problem at quarterback, though. Steve Stenstrom, a good student of Bill Walsh's pro-style offense returns and should keep opposing defensive backs on their heels. Running back Glyn Milburn must be replaced, but the Cardinal are blessed with two tight ends of considerable talent and stature (Tony Kline and Justin Armour). Stanford's test comes early in a game against Washington in Seattle. Teams will be ready for the Cardinal this season, but look for Walsh to still snatch 10 or so games and get another bowl invitation.

## 8. Washington

How fast things change. Only a year removed from being a national co-



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champion, the Huskies struggled off and on the field last season. The James gang still has talent such as tailback Napoleon Kaufman and line-backer extraordinaire Andy Mason, but the key for the program is whether they can focus on the field. Too much talent here to falter much. Not long ago Washington had two quality QBs, now they're searching for just one. Damon Huard, a 6-4 sophomore, is the man.

## 9. Colorado

Linebacker Ron Woolfork, who had 13½ sacks last season, should be more lethal on opposing passers in 1993. However, he may turn out to be a one-man wrecking crew since the Buffs lost five top defensive players to graduation. Colorado set off alarm bells after last season when the team allowed more than 100 rushing yards a game. That malady must be addressed this season. Woolfork, who bagged 13½ quarterback sacks last season should be a terror once again. Offensively, the Buffs should fare better, and this unit will make up for some of its defensive problems. Kordell Stewart receives high praise from Big Eight coaches and

is on his way to becoming the best in school history. A great deal of his good press is due to the effectiveness of receivers Michael Westbrook and Charlie Johnson.

## 10. Tennessee

A volume of talent returns for the Vols on both sides of the pigskin. Start with quarterback Heath Shuler—rated as one of the Top 10 signal-callers in the nation. Shuler will fling a few darts to wide receiver Cory Fleming, but he'll be complemented by a nice rushing game, featuring the talents of a busload of runners, foremost of whom is Charlie Garner. A solid core of linebackers means the Vols will be able to bottle up opposing rushers and hold them to minimal gains. The Vols have new life under first-year head coach Phil Fulmer, who knows how to develop winners.

## 11. Ohio State

The Buckeyes haven't exactly stunk the last couple of years, but they haven't won a Big Ten title in a while, and that's enough to keep the natives holding their noses. Bob Hoyer takes his turn at quarterback, but as usual,

the Buckeyes will live and die with their running game. There's quality depth here, and in the Big Ten that's good news. The Buckeyes should be competitive defensively as well, even though lack of speed in the defensive backfield will surely invite opponents to test them on deep routes or short, stop-and-go patterns. Kicker Tim Williams will continue to provide quick threes on a consistent basis if and when the Bucks get within the 50-yard line.

## 12. Syracuse

Marvin Graves. Seems as if he has been digging in at Syracuse forever, but the senior quarterback opens 1993 as one of the best at executing the option. Speed, so important to the success of the option, remains an Orangemen trademark with the return of fleet-footed wide receiver Shelby Hill. Just as important, a complementary rushing game exists in the feet of fullback Al Wooten and halfback Kirby Dar Dar. However, defense is what wins games, and the Orange is fortified here with a stellar performer at the all-important linebacking spot with Don Conley, a hard-hitter who reads and reacts quickly.

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## 13. Arizona

Defense. Defense. Rob Waldrop is an Outland Award candidate and a candidate to lead the Wildcats to a Top 20 finish in 1993. Last season Arizona was the nation's best scoring defense. Now if they only can find some offense. To that end a lot of fans are looking to quarterback Dan White, a transfer from Penn State to come in and shore up a deficient unit. The offense is set at wide receiver with Troy Dickey and running back with Ontwaun Carter, who's fleet and durable.

## 14. Georgia

No more Garrison Hearst, so no more hand-off-the-ball-and-watch-him-run episodes from Athens. However, the Bulldogs have a quarterback who knows how to win and has the tools to do it. Eric Zeier runs point on offense, and he'll deliver. Actually, the loss of Hearst will help hasten the emergence of tight end Shannon Mitchell. Defense is of some concern, because Georgia must rebuild, especially on the line. Linebacking appears set with star sophomore Randall Godfrey and Mitch Davis.

## 15. Boston College

In order for the Eagles to fly high again this season, they'll have to find a replacement for top runner Chuckie Dukes. His ability to run the football was a major reason for quarterback Glenn Foley fashioning one of the nation's highest pass efficiency ratings (second in the Big East). Fortunately, whoever emerges as the starting running back will have the benefit of an experienced line. The weak link for the Eagles is the defense, which has some holes to fill, but the offense led by Foley should be just strong enough to carry BC in the Big East.

## 16. USC

John Robinson is back in the neighborhood, and the Trojans may be through horsing around in the middle of the Pac-10. One thing's for sure, the Trojans will have a tailback who'll run like crazy. Robinson also has preached aggressiveness, so look for the guys to hit like a pro team—hopefully better than Robinson's Rams, though. The Trojans figure to have a nice mix of run and pass with Rob Johnson at quarterback. Johnson passed for more than 2,100 yards last season and has quality receivers such as Johnnie Morton to throw to as well as a 6-6 tight end named Bradford Banta.

## 17. Nebraska

Tommie Frazier is solid at quarterback, and is only a sophomore. He's primarily billed as a good runner, but is no slouch as a passer. For example, he threw 10 TDs last season and had just one interception. If worrying about Frazier on the run wasn't enough, opponents have to deal with the Husker's I-formation, which highlights the ability of I-back Calvin Jones as well. Jones makes it difficult for defenses to key on Frazier. When it's time to throw, all Frazier has to do is look downfield in the direction of burner wide receiver Corey Dixon. Balance is evident this year in Lincoln as the Huskers will also showcase a quick, aggressive defense keyed by All-America linebacker Trev Alberts.

## 18. Penn State

A host of important losses here, including leading receiver O.J. McDuffie and prime-time rusher Richie Anderson. Fortunately, there's enough overall talent to keep the Nittany Lions



**Nebraska is a perennial top contender because Coach Tom Osborne refuses to rest on past laurels. Each season his teams improve; this year should be no exception.**

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growing for years to come. Like many teams the Lions must settle on a first-string quarterback. It looks like Kerry Collins. He's more talented than John Sacca, who's returning after sustaining an injury that forced him to miss the tail end of last season. Look for State to make a strong statement with its defense, which returns seven standouts. In the Big Ten full-time now, the Lions will also play a killer non-conference schedule that includes USC.

## 19. Florida

Senior tailback Errict Rhett and wide receiver Willie Jackson will have to

provide the bite for the Gators. Indeed, both are eminently qualified to be savors. Jackson was the SEC's leader in touchdown receptions last year. What about quarterback, you ask? Junior Terry Dean will get a shot. Lucky for him he has a seasoned line to protect him. The Gators are deep in defensive help and as a result could be the second most dominant team in the tough SEC. Good enough to give Alabama a run? Yes. If the new quarterback doesn't stumble too much, that is.

## 20. Mississippi

Running backs should have a field day in this multiple-I formation set employed by the Rebels. Tailback Dou Innocent is a good one. Only thing the Rebs must discover is a quarterback. The defense, led by superb linebackers Dwayne Dotson and Cassius Ware ensure the Rebs will be close in every game. A great secondary will shut down opponents, but the Rebs may not be able to muster enough offense.

## 21. BYU

Historically, BYU has been a contender because of its persistent passing game; this year is no exception. The only thing that kept QB Ryan Hancock from achieving greatness last season was a knee injury. Even if Hancock hasn't healed properly, no less than three hungry and capable backups stand on the sidelines, including junior Steve Clements. There's no worry at running back, however, where Jamal Willis provides speed and nimble moves. Surprisingly strong on defense last season, the Cougars hope to regain that form, but must plug holes at linebacker and must find a way to reinforce a shaky secondary.

## 22. Nevada

The Wolf Pack showed it was for real by winning the Big West title in its first season on the I-A level. So much for those who said Nevada would be overmatched in the Big Leagues. The Wolf Pack's key to success is a simple offensive scheme that gets the ball to its wide receivers. Last year Michael Stephens and Chris Singleton combined for 114 catches. When you only lose one game, as the Pack did last season, the formula is working.

## 23. North Carolina

Eight starters return to Chapel Hill. However, a suspect running attack created by the loss of 1,000-yard ground-gainer Natrone Means could



mean trouble. Whereas many other teams will be searching for a quarterback this season, the Tar Heels are sitting pretty. They have two good ones in Jason Stanicek and Mike Thomas. Thomas also doubles as punter. Unfortunately, a shoddy defense will probably do the Tar Heels in, so whoever runs the offense must carry the scoring load. Yet, if games are to be won or lost on field goals, the Heels are in great shape. They can rely on the accurate foot of Tripp Pignetti, who made good on 14-of-19 field goal attempts last season.

## 24. North Carolina State

The Wolfpack defense must come to the forefront in order for the team to improve on last year's impressive showing. That might be a tall order to fill since the defensive backfield, which was an asset last season, lost three starters and could become a huge liability this time around. Another position the Wolfpack must retool is quarterback, since Terry Jordan graduated.

## 25. Oklahoma

Cale Gundy is steady if unspectacular at quarterback, but the Sooners will run more to better utilize the skills of several quality rushers, including tailback James Allen and James Frazier. Corey Warren, a good-hands receiver is Gundy's favorite target and can be counted on for clutch performances. The Sooners again figure to be tough as the wind against the run, but the secondary is susceptible to a wide-open passing game.

## ON THE BUBBLE —Baylor

The only question here is whether the defense can hold down opponents. Baylor is stocked offensively with quarterback J.J. Joe, fullback Robert Strait and tailback Brandell Jackson. Graduation hit the Bears hard, especially at linebacker, so most games this season should be high scoring. Baylor will just have to score more to win more.

## —San Diego State

Alongside that dynamite runner in San Diego exists one of the nation's top-rated quarterbacks: David Lowery. Some complain Lowery's only job is to hand the ball to Marshall Faulk, but he's blessed with a good arm and uses it to hit topnotch performers Darnay Scott and Keith Williams. This duo makes Faulk even more of a lethal weapon, and makes the Aztecs a formidable foe no matter who they play. ●

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# Coach's corner

By Johnny Majors With Jeremy Treatman

**T**he slogan the sports information office at the University of Pittsburgh used about my return to coach here was "Back to the Future." We'll try to get there quickly, but only time will tell. It took four years for us to win a national championship the first time I was at Pitt, but with all the changes in the profession, including coaching staff limitations, changes in recruiting and numerous other differences, it would be unrealistic to expect that kind of turnaround in the same time frame.

Since I left Pitt, the program has dipped, especially the past few years. We need improvements in a number of areas, especially with our facilities, which haven't significantly changed or been maintained at the level of the majority of major-college programs.

Ironically, Pitt was 3-9 last year, the worst record since the season before I arrived in 1973, when the team was 1-10. So in that respect returning to Pittsburgh under these circumstances is déjà vu for me.

It's hard to get to the top and even harder to stay at the top. My No. 1 concern is to recruit quality football players. If we can improve our facilities to the level of our competition, we should be able to attract the type of student athlete we're looking for and, in time, return Pitt to its winning ways.

I'm coming back to Pittsburgh, a city I've always been extremely fond of, at an opportune time, and I feel fortunate the University has offered me this position. I just hope the people will be patient and not expect a championship team overnight.

Last year was obviously an unusual one for me at the University of Tennessee. I had a quintuple bypass operation done Aug. 25—on the eve of the 1992 football season. During my four-week absence while I was recuperating, an assistant coach who had been with me for 12 years [Phil Fulmer] walked the sidelines in my place, and in view of some of the circumstances that later developed, he apparently grew fond of the limelight. I later found out Fulmer and one of my best friends and former teammate, Bill Johnson, who's on the board of trustees, spent an inordinate amount of time on the phone, which is highly unusual at such an important and critical time of the year [during football season].

The team won its first three games with Fulmer serving in my place, and when I came back, we won our next two to make us 5-0. We jumped to an all-too-generous No. 4 ranking in the national polls.

We dropped our next two games—by one point to Arkansas in the final seconds of the game and by seven points to eventual national champion Alabama. At that point a bizarre sequence of events began. First the athletic director, Doug Dickey, offered me a six-year contract extension to remain as Tennessee's head coach—an offer that was endorsed by the school's president, Joe Johnson, and one to which I enthusiastically committed. Then, suddenly and mysteriously, Dickey withdrew the offer a week later following a loss to South Carolina. Dickey told me I could stay in an

administrative position with the school instead.

Needless to say, after 16 years in which we went to 10 bowl games and won SEC championships and built a program that can challenge for the national championship for the next several years, I felt I'd been victimized by betrayal and deception on the part of some of the highest-ranking people at the University of Tennessee. I said, "No thank you, you can fire me instead."

None of this might have happened if I hadn't had the heart problems, but I'm not a negative person, and I'm focusing on the future and not the past. I still have great fondness for the players I left behind at Tennessee, and I wish them well in the coming season.

As for me, I'm delighted and honored to be given the opportunity to coach once again at a place where I spent four of the happiest years of my life.

As I mentioned before, we don't have an easy task in front of us. I was hired in mid-December and didn't have my entire staff together until mid-January. That gave us about a month to recruit before the signing date.

We signed 21 student-athletes and we're hoping they'll help us build a foundation for the future, but we'll need help at every position. To succeed at the highest level in college football you need quality starters and quality depth, and that's what we'll be working hard on after this season.

I feel confident we'll achieve great success at Pitt in the near future. I personally am committed to this goal, and we have people in place who are equipped to guide

the program to a high level of achievement during the next decade.

Pittsburgh is a wonderful city, and the campus is uniquely beautiful. I think we can attract good people here. In addition, I think our membership in the Big East football conference is a very positive advantage for us.

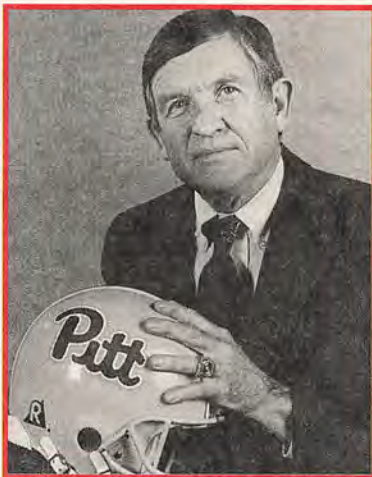
I have many wonderful coaching memories, including an early one in 1963, when I was an assistant at Mississippi State. We hadn't won a conference game the previous two years before I got there, but in 1963 we went to the Liberty Bowl in Philadelphia. It was the last Liberty Bowl played at JFK Stadium [then Municipal Stadium]. We won 19-14 before 7,000 people in seven-degree weather, and I loved every minute of it.

As an assistant at Arkansas we won 22 straight games in 1964 [national champions] and 1965. When I became head coach at Iowa State, we were a bad football team. In my fourth year we went 8-4. I hired some outstanding people to coach with me there—Jimmy Johnson, Jackie Sherrill, Larry Lacewell and Joe Avezzano, among others.

I will also never forget our championship season in 1976 at Pitt, or Tennessee beating Alabama in 1982—Bear Bryant's last year—in addition to 1983, '84 and '85.

Winning the 1986 Sugar Bowl over heavily favored Miami, 35-7, and coming back to beat Notre Dame in 1991, 35-34, after trailing 31-7 at South Bend were other games I'll never forget. Some memorable games at Pitt include victories in 1975 [20-14] and 1976 [31-10] over Notre Dame, and the 24-7 over Penn State on our way to the championship in 1976, and of course, the 27-3 victory over Georgia in the Sugar Bowl for the national championship.

That's one of the reasons I'm so happy to be back here at Pitt with such a great job. I've been on both sides of the fence as a player and coach, winning and losing, being up and being down. I'll tell you, the thrills and victories make it all worthwhile.







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## 1993 COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

### DIVISION 1-A SEASON SCHEDULE

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#### AIR FORCE

SEP. 4	INDIANA ST.
SEP. 11	@ COLORADO ST.
SEP. 18	SAN DIEGO ST.
SEP. 25	@ BRIGHAM YOUNG
OCT. 2	WYOMING
OCT. 9	@ NAVY
OCT. 16	*FRESNO ST.
OCT. 23	CITADEL
OCT. 30	UTEP
NOV. 6	ARMY
NOV. 13	@ UTAH
NOV. 20	*HAWAII

#### AKRON

OCT. 2	*CENTRAL MIC
OCT. 11	KENT
OCT. 18	@ WESTERN MICH.
OCT. 2	@ ARMY
OCT. 9	MIAMI (OHIO)
OCT. 16	@ BOWLING GREEN
OCT. 23	@ TEMPLE
OCT. 30	@ OHIO
NOV. 6	EASTERN MICH.
NOV. 13	BALL ST.
NOV. 20	YOUNGSTOWN ST.

#### ALABAMA

SEP. 4	TULANE
	@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
SEP. 11	*VANDERBILT
SEP. 18	ARKANSAS
SEP. 25	LOUISIANA TECH
	@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
OCT. 2	*SOUTH CARO.
OCT. 16	TENNESSEE
	@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
OCT. 23	@ MISSISSIPPI
OCT. 30	SOUTHERN MI
NOV. 6	LOUISIANA ST.
NOV. 13	MISSISSIPPI ST.
NOV. 20	@ AUBURN

#### ARIZONA

SEP. 4	UTEP
SEP. 11	PACIFIC (CAL.)
SEP. 18	@ ILLINOIS
SEP. 25	@ OREGON ST.
OCT. 2	SOUTHERN CAL
OCT. 16	STANFORD
OCT. 23	WASHINGTON ST.
OCT. 30	@ UCLA
NOV. 6	OREGON
NOV. 13	@ CALIFORNIA
NOV. 26	*ARIZONA ST.

#### ARIZONA STATE

SEP. 4	UTAH
SEP. 18	@ LOUISVILLE
SEP. 25	OKLAHOMA ST.
OCT. 2	@ OREGON ST.
OCT. 9	@ WASHINGTON ST.
OCT. 16	OREGON
OCT. 23	@ STANFORD
OCT. 30	WASHINGTON
NOV. 6	CALIFORNIA
NOV. 13	@ UCLA
NOV. 26	ARIZONA

#### ARKANSAS

SEP. 4	SMU
SEP. 11	SOUTH CARO.
SEP. 18	@ ALABAMA
SEP. 25	MEMPHIS ST.
	@ LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
OCT. 2	@ GEORGIA
OCT. 9	TENNESSEE
	@ LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
OCT. 16	MISSISSIPPI
	@ JACKSON, MISS.
OCT. 30	AUBURN
NOV. 6	MISSISSIPPI ST.
	@ LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
NOV. 13	TULSA
NOV. 27	*LOUISIANA ST.

#### ARKANSAS STATE

SEP. 4	*FLORIDA
SEP. 11	NEW MEXICO ST.
SEP. 18	*NORTHERN ILL.
SEP. 25	SOUTHERN ILL.
OCT. 2	*LOUISIANA TECH
OCT. 9	@ MEMPHIS ST.
OCT. 16	SW LOUISIANA
OCT. 23	@ MISSISSIPPI ST.
NOV. 6	NORTHEAST LA.
NOV. 13	@ PACIFIC (CAL.)
NOV. 20	NEVADA

#### ARMY

SEP. 11	COLGATE
SEP. 18	*DUKE
SEP. 25	VA. MILITARY
OCT. 2	AKRON
OCT. 9	@ TEMPLE
OCT. 16	RUTGERS
OCT. 23	@ BOSTON COL.
OCT. 30	WESTERN MICH.
NOV. 6	@ AIR FORCE
NOV. 13	LAFAYETTE
DEC. 4	NAVY
	@ EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

#### AUBURN

SEP. 2	MISSISSIPPI
SEP. 11	SAMFORD
SEP. 18	*LOUISIANA ST.
SEP. 25	SOUTHERN MISS.
OCT. 2	*VANDERBILT
OCT. 9	MISSISSIPPI ST.
OCT. 16	FLORIDA
OCT. 30	@ ARKANSAS
NOV. 6	NEW MEXICO ST.
NOV. 13	@ GEORGIA
NOV. 20	ALABAMA

#### BALL STATE

SEP. 4	*SYRACUSE
SEP. 11	ILLINOIS ST.
SEP. 18	@ OHIO
OCT. 2	@ CENTRAL MICH.
OCT. 9	TOLEDO
OCT. 16	*CINCINNATI
OCT. 23	BOWLING GREEN
OCT. 30	@ EASTERN MICH.
NOV. 6	MIAMI (OHIO)
NOV. 13	@ AKRON
NOV. 20	KENT

#### BAYLOR

SEP. 4	FRESNO ST.
SEP. 11	@ COLORADO
SEP. 18	@ UTAH ST.
SEP. 25	TEXAS TECH
OCT. 2	@ HOUSTON

OCT. 9	@ SMU
OCT. 16	TEXAS A&M
OCT. 23	TEXAS CHRISTIAN
NOV. 6	@ GEORGIA TECH
NOV. 13	RICE
NOV. 20	@ TEXAS

#### BOSTON COLLEGE

SEP. 4	MIAMI (FLA.)
SEP. 18	@ NORTHWESTERN
SEP. 25	TEMPLE
OCT. 2	@ SYRACUSE
OCT. 9	@ RUTGERS
OCT. 23	ARMY
OCT. 30	TULANE
NOV. 6	VIRGINIA TECH
NOV. 13	@ PITTSBURGH
NOV. 20	@ NOTRE DAME
NOV. 26	WEST VA.

#### BOWLING GREEN

SEP. 4	@ VIRGINIA TECH
SEP. 11	CINCINNATI
SEP. 25	@ NAVY
OCT. 2	TOLEDO
OCT. 9	@ OHIO
OCT. 16	AKRON
OCT. 23	@ BALL ST.
OCT. 30	@ MIAMI (OHIO)
NOV. 6	KENT
NOV. 13	@ CENTRAL MICH.
NOV. 20	WESTERN MICH.

#### BRIGHAM YOUNG

SEP. 4	*NEW MEXICO
SEP. 11	HAWAII
SEP. 18	@ COLORADO ST.
SEP. 25	AIR FORCE
OCT. 9	*UCLA
OCT. 16	NOTRE DAME
OCT. 23	FRESNO ST.
OCT. 30	UTAH ST.
NOV. 11	*SAN DIEGO ST.
NOV. 20	UTAH
NOV. 27	UTEP

#### CALIFORNIA

SEP. 4	*UCLA
SEP. 11	SAN DIEGO ST.
SEP. 18	@ TEMPLE
SEP. 25	SAN JOSE ST.
OCT. 2	OREGON
OCT. 9	WASHINGTON
OCT. 16	@ WASHINGTON ST.
OCT. 30	SOUTHERN CAL
NOV. 6	*ARIZONA ST.
NOV. 13	ARIZONA
NOV. 20	@ STANFORD
NOV. 27	*HAWAII

#### CENTRAL MICHIGAN

SEP. 2	AKRON
SEP. 11	OHIO
SEP. 18	*UNLV
SEP. 25	@ MICHIGAN ST.
OCT. 2	BALL ST.
OCT. 9	@ WESTERN MICH.
OCT. 16	EASTERN MICH.
OCT. 23	@ KENT
NOV. 6	@ TOLEDO
NOV. 13	BOWLING GREEN
NOV. 20	@ MIAMI (OHIO)

#### CINCINNATI

SEP. 4	AUSTIN PEAY
SEP. 11	@ BOWLING GREEN
SEP. 18	MIAMI (OHIO)
SEP. 25	*SYRACUSE
OCT. 2	@ TULSA
OCT. 9	*VANDERBILT
OCT. 16	BALL ST.
OCT. 23	@ TOLEDO
OCT. 30	MEMPHIS ST.
NOV. 13	@ HOUSTON
NOV. 20	EAST CARO.

#### CLEMSON

SEP. 4	NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
SEP. 11	@ FLORIDA ST.
SEP. 25	GEORGIA TECH
OCT. 2	NORTH CARO. ST.
OCT. 9	@ DUKE
OCT. 16	WAKE FOREST
OCT. 23	EAST TENN. ST.
OCT. 30	MARYLAND
NOV. 6	@ NORTH CARO.
NOV. 13	VIRGINIA
NOV. 20	@ SOUTH CARO.

#### COLORADO

SEP. 4	TEXAS
SEP. 11	BAYLOR
SEP. 18	*STANFORD
SEP. 25	MIAMI (FLA.)
OCT. 9	MISSOURI
OCT. 16	@ OKLAHOMA
OCT. 23	@ KANSAS ST.
OCT. 30	NEBRASKA
NOV. 6	@ OKLAHOMA ST.
NOV. 13	KANSAS
NOV. 20	@ IOWA ST.

#### COLORADO STATE

SEP. 4	OREGON
SEP. 11	AIR FORCE
SEP. 18	BRIGHAM YOUNG
SEP. 25	@ NEBRASKA
OCT. 2	@ KANSAS
OCT. 9	FRESNO ST.
OCT. 16	*SAN DIEGO ST.
OCT. 23	@ UTAH
OCT. 30	NEW MEXICO
NOV. 13	*UTEP
NOV. 20	@ WYOMING

#### DUKE

SEP. 4	FLORIDA ST.
SEP. 11	*RUTGERS
SEP. 18	ARMY
SEP. 25	@ VIRGINIA
OCT. 2	@ TENNESSEE
OCT. 9	CLEMSON
OCT. 16	@ MARYLAND
OCT. 23	@ WAKE FOREST
OCT. 30	GEORGIA TECH
NOV. 6	NORTH CARO. ST.
NOV. 26	@ NORTH CARO.

#### EAST CAROLINA

SEP. 9	SYRACUSE
SEP. 18	CENTRAL FLA.
SEP. 25	@ WASHINGTON
OCT. 2	MEMPHIS ST.
OCT. 9	@ SOUTH CARO.
OCT. 16	LOUISIANA TECH
OCT. 23	@ SO. MISSOURI
OCT. 30	@ VIRGINIA TECH
NOV. 6	TULSA
NOV. 13	@ KENTUCKY
NOV. 20	@ CINCINNATI



## EASTERN MICHIGAN

SEP. 4	@ WEST VA.
SEP. 9	TEMPLE
SEP. 18	WESTERN ILL.
OCT. 2	@ MIAMI (OHIO)
OCT. 9	KENT
OCT. 16	@ CENTRAL MICH.
OCT. 23	WESTERN MICH.
OCT. 30	BALL ST.
NOV. 6	@ AKRON
NOV. 13	OHIO
NOV. 19	*TOLEDO

## FLORIDA

SEP. 4	ARKANSAS ST.
SEP. 11	*KENTUCKY
SEP. 18	TENNESSEE
OCT. 2	MISSISSIPPI ST.
OCT. 9	*LOUISIANA ST.
OCT. 16	@ AUBURN
OCT. 30	GEORGIA
	@ JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
NOV. 6	SW LOUISIANA
NOV. 13	@ SOUTH CARO.
NOV. 20	VANDERBILT
NOV. 27	FLORIDA ST.

## FLORIDA STATE

AUG. 28	KANSAS
	@ E. RUTHERFORD, N.J.
SEP. 4	*DUKE
SEP. 11	CLEMSON
SEP. 18	@ NORTH CARO.
OCT. 2	GEORGIA TECH
OCT. 9	MIAMI (FLA.)
OCT. 16	VIRGINIA
OCT. 30	WAKE FOREST
NOV. 6	@ MARYLAND
NOV. 13	@ NOTRE DAME
NOV. 20	NORTH CARO. ST.
NOV. 27	@ FLORIDA

## FRESNO STATE

SEP. 4	*BAYLOR
SEP. 11	OREGON ST.
SEP. 18	*NEW MEXICO
SEP. 25	UTAH ST.
OCT. 9	@ COLORADO ST.
OCT. 16	AIR FORCE
OCT. 23	@ BYU
OCT. 30	@ WYOMING
NOV. 6	UTEP
NOV. 13	HAWAII
NOV. 20	SAN DIEGO ST.

## GEORGIA

SEP. 4	SOUTH CARO.
SEP. 11	@ TENNESSEE
SEP. 18	TEXAS TECH
SEP. 25	*MISSISSIPPI
OCT. 2	ARKANSAS
OCT. 9	SOUTHERN MISS.
OCT. 16	@ VANDERBILT
OCT. 23	KENTUCKY
OCT. 30	FLORIDA
	@ JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
NOV. 13	AUBURN
NOV. 25	@ GEORGIA TECH

## GEORGIA TECH

SEP. 11	FURMAN
SEP. 16	VIRGINIA
SEP. 25	@ CLEMSON
OCT. 2	*FLORIDA ST.
OCT. 9	MARYLAND
OCT. 16	NORTH CARO.
OCT. 23	@ N.C. ST.
OCT. 30	@ DUKE
NOV. 6	BAYLOR
NOV. 13	@ WAKE FOREST
NOV. 25	GEORGIA

## HAWAII

SEP. 4	MIDDLE TENN. ST.
SEP. 11	@ BYU
SEP. 18	KENT
SEP. 25	UTEP
OCT. 2	*NEW MEXICO
OCT. 9	SAN DIEGO ST.
OCT. 23	@ WYOMING

NOV. 6	UTAH
NOV. 13	*FRESNO ST.
NOV. 20	AIR FORCE
NOV. 27	CALIFORNIA
DEC. 4	TULANE

## HOUSTON

SEP. 4	@ SOUTHERN CAL
SEP. 11	TULSA
SEP. 25	@ MICHIGAN
OCT. 2	BAYLOR
OCT. 9	@ TEXAS A&M
OCT. 16	SMU
OCT. 30	@ TEX. CHRISTIAN
NOV. 4	TEXAS
NOV. 13	CINCINNATI
NOV. 20	TEXAS TECH
	@ SAN ANTONIO, TEX.
NOV. 26	@ RICE

## ILLINOIS

SEP. 11	@ MISSOURI
SEP. 18	ARIZONA
SEP. 25	OREGON
OCT. 2	@ PURDUE
OCT. 9	OHIO ST.
OCT. 16	@ IOWA
OCT. 23	@ MICHIGAN
OCT. 30	NORTHWESTERN
NOV. 6	MINNESOTA
NOV. 13	@ PENN. ST.
NOV. 20	WISCONSIN

## INDIANA

SEP. 4	TOLEDO
SEP. 11	NORTHERN ILL.
SEP. 18	KENTUCKY
SEP. 25	WISCONSIN
OCT. 2	*MINNESOTA
OCT. 9	IOWA
OCT. 23	@ NORTHWESTERN
OCT. 30	MICHIGAN ST.
NOV. 6	@ PENN. ST.
NOV. 13	@ OHIO ST.
NOV. 20	PURDUE

## IOWA

SEP. 4	TULSA
SEP. 11	@ IOWA ST.
SEP. 18	PENN. ST.
OCT. 2	@ MICHIGAN
OCT. 9	@ INDIANA
OCT. 16	ILLINOIS
OCT. 23	@ MICHIGAN ST.
OCT. 30	PURDUE
NOV. 6	NORTHERN ILL.
NOV. 13	@ NORTHWESTERN
NOV. 20	MINNESOTA

## IOWA STATE

SEP. 2	NORTHERN ILL.
SEP. 11	IOWA
SEP. 18	@ WISCONSIN
SEP. 25	@ RICE
OCT. 2	OKLAHOMA
OCT. 16	@ KANSAS
OCT. 23	OKLAHOMA ST.
OCT. 30	@ MISSOURI
NOV. 6	KANSAS ST.
NOV. 13	@ NEBRASKA
NOV. 20	COLORADO

## KANSAS

AUG. 28	FLORIDA ST.
	@ E. RUTHERFORD, N.J.
SEP. 4	WESTERN CARO.
SEP. 11	@ MICHIGAN ST.
SEP. 18	UTAH
OCT. 2	COLORADO ST.
OCT. 9	@ KANSAS ST.
OCT. 16	IOWA ST.
OCT. 23	@ OKLAHOMA
OCT. 30	@ OKLAHOMA ST.
NOV. 6	NEBRASKA
NOV. 13	@ COLORADO
NOV. 20	MISSOURI

## KANSAS STATE

SEP. 4	NEW MEXICO ST.
SEP. 11	WESTERN KY.
SEP. 18	* MINNESOTA
SEP. 25	UNLV
OCT. 9	KANSAS
OCT. 16	@ NEBRASKA
OCT. 23	COLORADO
OCT. 30	OKLAHOMA
NOV. 6	@ IOWA ST.
NOV. 13	MISSOURI
NOV. 20	@ OKLAHOMA ST.

## KENT

SEP. 4	*KENTUCKY
SEP. 11	*AKRON
SEP. 18	*HAWAII
OCT. 2	WESTERN MICH.
OCT. 9	*EASTERN MICH.
OCT. 16	@ OHIO
OCT. 23	CENTRAL MICH.
OCT. 30	TOLEDO
NOV. 6	@ BOWLING GREEN
NOV. 13	MIAMI (OHIO)
NOV. 20	@ BALL ST.

## KENTUCKY

SEP. 4	KENT
SEP. 11	FLORIDA
SEP. 18	@ INDIANA
SEP. 23	*SOUTH CARO.
OCT. 2	MISSISSIPPI
OCT. 16	LOUISIANA ST.
OCT. 23	@ GEORGIA
OCT. 30	@ MISSISSIPPI ST.
NOV. 6	@ VANDERBILT
NOV. 13	EAST CARO.
NOV. 20	TENNESSEE

## LOUISIANA STATE

SEP. 4	*TEXAS A&M
SEP. 11	*MISSISSIPPI ST.
SEP. 18	AUBURN
SEP. 25	@ TENNESSEE
OCT. 2	UTAH ST.
OCT. 9	FLORIDA
OCT. 16	*KENTUCKY
OCT. 30	MISSISSIPPI
NOV. 6	@ ALABAMA
NOV. 20	TULANE
NOV. 27	ARKANSAS

## LOUISIANA TECH

SEP. 4	@ TENNESSEE
SEP. 18	SOUTH CARO.
	@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
SEP. 25	ALABAMA
	@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
OCT. 2	ARKANSAS ST.
OCT. 16	*EAST CARO.
OCT. 23	@ SAN JOSE ST.
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NOV. 20	CENTRAL FLA.
NOV. 27	*SOUTHWESTERN LA.

## LOUISVILLE

SEP. 4	SAN JOSE ST.
SEP. 11	*MEMPHIS ST.
SEP. 18	ARIZONA ST.
SEP. 25	TEXAS
OCT. 2	*PITTSBURGH
OCT. 9	@ WEST VA.
OCT. 16	SOUTHERN MISS.
OCT. 23	NAVY
NOV. 6	@ TENNESSEE
NOV. 13	@ TEXAS A&M
NOV. 25	@ TULSA

## MARYLAND

SEP. 4	VIRGINIA
SEP. 11	@ NORTH CARO.
SEP. 18	WEST VA.
SEP. 25	@ VIRGINIA TECH
OCT. 2	PENN ST.
OCT. 9	@ GEORGIA TECH
OCT. 16	DUKE
OCT. 30	@ CLEMSON
NOV. 6	FLORIDA ST.
NOV. 13	@ N.C. ST.
NOV. 20	@ WAKE FOREST

## MEMPHIS STATE

SEP. 4	*MISSISSIPPI ST.
SEP. 11	LOUISVILLE
SEP. 18	*SOUTHWESTERN LA.
SEP. 25	ARKANSAS
	@ LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
OCT. 2	@ EAST CARO.
OCT. 9	ARKANSAS ST.
OCT. 16	TULSA
OCT. 30	@ CINCINNATI
NOV. 6	MISSISSIPPI
NOV. 13	SOUTHERN MISS.
NOV. 27	@ MIAMI (FLA.)

## MIAMI (FLA.)

SEP. 4	@ BOSTON COL.
SEP. 18	VIRGINIA TECH
SEP. 25	@ COLORADO
OCT. 2	GA. SOUTHERN
OCT. 9	@ FLORIDA ST.
OCT. 23	SYRACUSE
OCT. 30	TEMPLE
NOV. 6	@ PITTSBURGH
NOV. 13	RUTGERS
NOV. 20	@ WEST VA.
NOV. 27	MEMPHIS ST.

## MIAMI (OHIO)

SEP. 11	SW LOUISIANA
SEP. 18	*CINCINNATI
SEP. 25	@ WESTERN MICH.
OCT. 2	EASTERN MICH.
OCT. 9	*AKRON
OCT. 16	*TOLEDO
OCT. 23	OHIO
OCT. 30	BOWLING GREEN
NOV. 6	@ BALL ST.
NOV. 13	@ KENT
NOV. 20	CENTRAL MICH.

## MICHIGAN

SEP. 4	WASHINGTON ST.
SEP. 11	NOTRE DAME
SEP. 25	HOUSTON
OCT. 2	IOWA
OCT. 9	@ MICHIGAN ST.
OCT. 16	@ PENN. ST.
OCT. 23	ILLINOIS
OCT. 30	@ WISCONSIN
NOV. 6	PURDUE
NOV. 13	* MINNESOTA
NOV. 20	OHIO ST.

## MICHIGAN STATE

SEP. 11	KANSAS
SEP. 18	@ NOTRE DAME
SEP. 25	CENTRAL MICH.
OCT. 9	MICHIGAN
OCT. 16	@ OHIO ST.
OCT. 23	IOWA
OCT. 30	@ INDIANA
NOV. 6	NORTHWESTERN
NOV. 13	@ PURDUE
NOV. 27	PENN. ST.
DEC. 5	WISCONSIN
	@ TOKYO, JAPAN

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## MINNESOTA

SEP. 4	@ PENN ST.
SEP. 11	INDIANA ST.
SEP. 18	KANSAS ST.
SEP. 25	*SAN DIEGO ST.
OCT. 2	INDIANA
OCT. 9	PURDUE
OCT. 16	@ NORTHWESTERN
OCT. 23	WISCONSIN
NOV. 6	@ ILLINOIS
NOV. 13	MICHIGAN
NOV. 20	@ IOWA

## MISSISSIPPI

SEP. 2	*AUBURN
SEP. 11	TENN.-CHATT.
SEP. 18	VANDERBILT
SEP. 25	GEORGIA
OCT. 2	*KENTUCKY
OCT. 16	ARKANSAS
	JACKSON, MISS.
OCT. 23	ALABAMA
OCT. 30	*LOUISIANA ST.
NOV. 6	@ MEMPHIS ST.
NOV. 13	NORTHERN ILL.
NOV. 27	@ MISSISSIPPI ST.

## MISSISSIPPI STATE

SEP. 4	MEMPHIS ST.
SEP. 11	LOUISIANA ST.
SEP. 25	*TULANE
OCT. 2	@ FLORIDA
OCT. 9	@ AUBURN
OCT. 16	SOUTH CARO.
OCT. 23	ARKANSAS ST.
OCT. 30	KENTUCKY
NOV. 6	ARKANSAS
	@ LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
NOV. 13	@ ALABAMA
NOV. 27	MISSISSIPPI

## MISSOURI

SEP. 11	ILLINOIS
SEP. 18	*TEXAS A&M
SEP. 25	@ WEST VA.
OCT. 2	SMU
OCT. 9	@ COLORADO
OCT. 16	OKLAHOMA ST.
OCT. 23	@ NEBRASKA
OCT. 30	IOWA ST.
NOV. 6	OKLAHOMA
NOV. 13	@ KANSAS ST.
NOV. 20	@ KANSAS

## NAVY

SEP. 11	@ VIRGINIA
SEP. 18	EASTERN ILL.
SEP. 25	BOWLING GREEN
OCT. 2	*TULANE
OCT. 9	AIR FORCE
OCT. 16	COLGATE
OCT. 23	@ LOUISVILLE
OCT. 30	NOTRE DAME
	@ PHILADELPHIA, PA.
NOV. 13	@ VANDERBILT
NOV. 20	SMU
DEC. 4	ARMY
	@ E. RUTHERFORD, N.J.

## NEBRASKA

SEP. 4	NORTH TEXAS
SEP. 11	TEXAS TECH
SEP. 18	@ UCLA
SEP. 25	COLORADO ST.
OCT. 7	*OKLAHOMA ST.

OCT. 16	KANSAS ST.
OCT. 23	MISSOURI
OCT. 30	@ COLORADO
NOV. 6	@ KANSAS
NOV. 13	IOWA ST.
NOV. 26	OKLAHOMA

## NEVADA

SEP. 4	@ WISCONSIN
SEP. 11	BOISE ST.
SEP. 18	TEXAS SOUTHERN
SEP. 25	NORTHERN ILL.
OCT. 2	UNLV
OCT. 16	*UTAH ST.
OCT. 23	WEBER ST.
OCT. 30	@ PACIFIC (CAL.)
NOV. 6	SAN JOSE ST.
NOV. 13	@ NEW MEXICO ST.
NOV. 20	@ ARKANSAS ST.

## NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

SEP. 4	@ CLEMSON
SEP. 11	*UTEP
SEP. 18	CENTRAL MICH.
SEP. 25	@ KANSAS ST.
OCT. 2	@ NEVADA
OCT. 9	CS-NORTHBRIDGE
OCT. 23	UTAH ST.
OCT. 30	NEW MEXICO ST.
NOV. 6	@ LOUISIANA TECH
NOV. 13	*SAN JOSE ST.
NOV. 20	SW LOUISIANA

## NEW MEXICO

SEP. 4	BRIGHAM YOUNG
SEP. 11	*TEXAS CHRISTIAN
SEP. 18	FRESNO ST.
SEP. 25	NEW MEXICO ST.
OCT. 2	HAWAII
OCT. 9	*UTAH
OCT. 23	*SAN DIEGO ST.
OCT. 30	@ COLORADO ST.
NOV. 6	IDAHO ST.
NOV. 13	WYOMING
NOV. 20	@ UTEP

## NEW MEXICO STATE

SEP. 4	@ KANSAS ST.
SEP. 11	*ARKANSAS ST.
SEP. 18	UTEP
SEP. 25	*NEW MEXICO
OCT. 9	NORTHERN ILL.
OCT. 16	SAN JOSE ST.
OCT. 23	*PACIFIC (CAL.)
OCT. 30	*UNLV
NOV. 6	@ AUBURN
NOV. 13	NEVADA
NOV. 20	UTAH ST.

## NORTH CAROLINA

AUG. 29	SOUTHERN CAL
	@ ANAHEIM, CALIF.
SEP. 4	OHIO
SEP. 11	MARYLAND
SEP. 18	FLORIDA ST.
SEP. 25	@ N.C. ST.
OCT. 2	UTEP
OCT. 9	WAKE FOREST
OCT. 16	@ GEORGIA TECH
OCT. 23	@ VIRGINIA
NOV. 6	CLEMSON
NOV. 13	*TULANE
NOV. 26	DUKE

## NORTH CAROLINA STATE

SEP. 4	PURDUE
SEP. 11	*WAKE FOREST
SEP. 25	NORTH CARO.
OCT. 2	@ CLEMSON
OCT. 9	*TEXAS TECH
OCT. 16	MARSHALL
OCT. 23	GEORGIA TECH
OCT. 30	VIRGINIA
NOV. 6	@ DUKE
NOV. 13	MARYLAND
NOV. 20	@ FLORIDA ST.

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS

SEP. 2	*IOWA ST.
SEP. 11	@ INDIANA
SEP. 18	ARKANSAS ST.
SEP. 25	@ NEVADA
OCT. 2	SOUTHERN ILL.
OCT. 9	@ NEW MEXICO ST.
OCT. 16	PACIFIC (CAL.)
OCT. 23	SW LOUISIANA
OCT. 30	@ LOUISIANA TECH
NOV. 6	@ IOWA
NOV. 13	@ MISSISSIPPI

## NORTHWESTERN

SEP. 4	@ NOTRE DAME
SEP. 18	BOSTON COLLEGE
SEP. 25	WAKE FOREST
OCT. 2	@ OHIO ST.
OCT. 9	@ WISCONSIN
OCT. 16	MINNESOTA
OCT. 23	INDIANA
OCT. 30	@ ILLINOIS
NOV. 6	@ MICHIGAN ST.
NOV. 13	IOWA
NOV. 20	PENN ST.

## NOTRE DAME

SEP. 4	NORTHWESTERN
SEP. 11	@ MICHIGAN
SEP. 18	MICHIGAN ST.
SEP. 25	@ PURDUE
OCT. 2	@ STANFORD
OCT. 9	PITTSBURGH
OCT. 16	@ BYU
OCT. 23	SOUTHERN CAL
OCT. 30	NAVY
	@ PHILADELPHIA, PA.
NOV. 1	FLORIDA ST.
NOV. 20	BOSTON COLLEGE

## OHIO

SEP. 4	*NORTH CARO.
SEP. 11	@ CENTRAL MICH.
SEP. 18	BALL ST.
SEP. 25	*TOLEDO
OCT. 2	@ VIRGINIA
OCT. 9	BOWLING GREEN
OCT. 16	KENT
OCT. 23	@ MIAMI (OHIO)
OCT. 30	AKRON
NOV. 6	WESTERN MICH.
NOV. 13	@ EASTERN MICH.

## OHIO STATE

SEP. 4	RICE
SEP. 11	WASHINGTON
SEP. 18	@ PITTSBURGH
OCT. 2	NORTHWESTERN
OCT. 9	@ ILLINOIS
OCT. 16	MICHIGAN ST.
OCT. 23	@ PURDUE
OCT. 30	PENN ST.
NOV. 6	@ WISCONSIN
NOV. 13	INDIANA
NOV. 20	@ MICHIGAN

## OKLAHOMA

SEP. 4	*TEXAS CHRISTIAN
SEP. 11	TEXAS A&M
SEP. 25	TULSA
OCT. 2	@ IOWA ST.
OCT. 9	TEXAS
	@ DALLAS, TEX.
OCT. 16	COLORADO
OCT. 23	KANSAS
OCT. 30	@ KANSAS ST.
NOV. 6	@ MISSOURI
NOV. 13	OKLAHOMA ST.
NOV. 26	@ NEBRASKA

## OKLAHOMA STATE

SEP. 11	SW MISSOURI ST.
SEP. 18	*TULSA
SEP. 25	*ARIZONA ST.
OCT. 2	TEXAS CHRISTIAN
OCT. 7	NEBRASKA
OCT. 16	@ MISSOURI
OCT. 23	@ IOWA ST.
OCT. 30	KANSAS
NOV. 6	COLORADO
NOV. 13	@ OKLAHOMA
NOV. 20	KANSAS ST.

## OREGON

SEP. 4	@ COLORADO ST.
SEP. 11	MONTANA
SEP. 25	@ ILLINOIS
OCT. 2	@ CALIFORNIA
OCT. 9	SOUTHERN CAL
OCT. 16	*ARIZONA ST.
OCT. 23	@ WASHINGTON
OCT. 30	WASHINGTON ST.
NOV. 6	*ARIZONA
NOV. 13	STANFORD
NOV. 20	OREGON ST.

## OREGON STATE

SEP. 4	@ WYOMING
SEP. 11	*FRESNO ST.
SEP. 18	@ WASHINGTON ST.
SEP. 25	ARIZONA
OCT. 2	ARIZONA ST.
OCT. 9	PACIFIC (CAL.)
OCT. 16	@ SOUTHERN CAL
OCT. 23	UCLA
OCT. 30	@ STANFORD
NOV. 6	WASHINGTON
NOV. 20	@ OREGON

## PACIFIC (CAL.)

SEP. 4	*TEXAS TECH
SEP. 11	@ ARIZONA
SEP. 25	CS- SACRAMENTO
OCT. 2	WASHINGTON ST.
OCT. 9	@ OREGON ST.
OCT. 16	@ NORTHERN ILL.
OCT. 23	NEW MEXICO ST.
OCT. 30	NEVADA
NOV. 6	@ UTAH ST.
NOV. 13	ARKANSAS ST.
NOV. 20	*SAN JOSE ST.

## PENN STATE

SEP. 4	MINNESOTA
SEP. 11	SOUTHERN CAL
SEP. 18	@ IOWA
SEP. 25	RUTGERS
OCT. 2	@ MARYLAND
OCT. 16	MICHIGAN
OCT. 30	@ OHIO ST.
NOV. 6	INDIANA
NOV. 13	ILLINOIS
NOV. 20	@ NORTHWESTERN
NOV. 27	@ MICHIGAN ST.



## PITTSBURGH

SEP. 4	@ SOUTHERN MISS.
SEP. 11	VIRGINIA TECH
SEP. 18	OHIO ST.
OCT. 2	LOUISVILLE
OCT. 9	@ NOTRE DAME
OCT. 16	SYRACUSE
OCT. 23	@ WEST VA.
OCT. 28	*RUTGERS
NOV. 6	MIAMI (FLA.)
NOV. 13	BOSTON COLLEGE
NOV. 20	@ TEMPLE

## PURDUE

SEP. 4	@ NORTH CARO. ST.
SEP. 11	WESTERN MICH.
SEP. 25	NOTRE DAME
OCT. 2	ILLINOIS
OCT. 9	*MINNESOTA
OCT. 16	WISCONSIN
OCT. 23	OHIO ST.
OCT. 30	@ IOWA
NOV. 6	@ MICHIGAN
NOV. 13	MICHIGAN ST.
NOV. 20	@ INDIANA

## RICE

SEP. 4	@ OHIO ST.
SEP. 11	TULANE
SEP. 18	SAM HOUSTON ST.
SEP. 25	IOWA ST.
OCT. 2	*TEXAS
OCT. 9	TEXAS CHRISTIAN
OCT. 16	*TEXAS TECH
OCT. 23	TEXAS A&M
NOV. 6	@ SMU
NOV. 13	@ BAYLOR
NOV. 26	HOUSTON

## RUTGERS

SEP. 4	COLGATE
SEP. 11	DUKE
SEP. 25	@ PENN ST.
OCT. 2	TEMPLE
OCT. 9	BOSTON COLLEGE
OCT. 16	@ ARMY
OCT. 23	@ VIRGINIA TECH
OCT. 28	PITTSBURGH
NOV. 6	@ WEST VA.
NOV. 13	@ MIAMI (FLA.)
NOV. 26	SYRACUSE

## SAN DIEGO STATE

SEP. 4	CS- NORTHBRIDGE
SEP. 11	@ CALIFORNIA
SEP. 18	@ AIR FORCE
SEP. 25	MINNESOTA
SEP. 30	UCLA
OCT. 9	*HAWAII
OCT. 16	COLORADO ST.
OCT. 23	NEW MEXICO
OCT. 30	@ UTAH
NOV. 11	BRIGHAM YOUNG
NOV. 20	*FRESNO ST.
NOV. 27	WYOMING

## SAN JOSE STATE

SEP. 4	@ LOUISVILLE
SEP. 11	@ STANFORD
SEP. 18	WYOMING
SEP. 25	@ CALIFORNIA
OCT. 2	@ WASHINGTON
OCT. 16	NEW MEXICO ST.
OCT. 23	LOUISIANA TECH
OCT. 30	@ SW LOUISIANA
NOV. 6	@ NEVADA
NOV. 13	UNLV
NOV. 20	PACIFIC (CAL.)

## SOUTH CAROLINA

SEP. 4	@ GEORGIA
SEP. 11	@ ARKANSAS
SEP. 18	LOUISIANA TECH
SEP. 3	KENTUCKY
OCT. 2	ALABAMA
OCT. 9	EAST CARO.
OCT. 16	*MISSISSIPPI ST.
OCT. 23	VANDERBILT
OCT. 30	@ TENNESSEE
NOV. 13	FLORIDA
NOV. 20	CLEMSON

## SOUTHERN CAL

AUG. 29	NORTH CARO.
	@ ANAHEIM, CALIF.
SEP. 4	HOUSTON
SEP. 11	@ PENN ST.
SEP. 25	WASHINGTON ST.
OCT. 2	@ ARIZONA
OCT. 9	@ OREGON
OCT. 16	OREGON ST.
OCT. 23	@ NOTRE DAME
OCT. 30	@ CALIFORNIA
NOV. 6	STANFORD
NOV. 13	@ WASHINGTON
NOV. 20	UCLA

## SOUTHERN METHODIST

SEP. 4	ARKANSAS
SEP. 11	WISCONSIN
SEP. 25	*TEXAS CHRISTIAN
OCT. 2	@ MISSOURI
OCT. 9	BAYLOR
OCT. 16	@ HOUSTON
OCT. 23	TEXAS
	@ SAN ANTONIO, TEX.
OCT. 30	@ TEXAS A&M
NOV. 6	RICE
NOV. 13	TEXAS TECH
NOV. 20	@ NAVY

## SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

SEP. 4	PITTSBURGH
SEP. 18	NORTHEAST LA.
SEP. 25	@ AUBURN
OCT. 2	*SW LOUISIANA
OCT. 9	@ GEORGIA
OCT. 16	@ LOUISVILLE
OCT. 23	EAST CARO.
OCT. 30	@ ALABAMA
NOV. 6	TULANE
NOV. 13	@ MEMPHIS ST.
NOV. 20	@ TULSA

## SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

SEP. 4	UTAH ST.
SEP. 11	*MIAMI (OHIO)
SEP. 18	MEMPHIS ST.
OCT. 2	SO. MISSISSIPPI
OCT. 9	*TULANE
OCT. 16	*ARKANSAS ST.
OCT. 23	@ NORTHERN ILL.
OCT. 30	SAN JOSE ST.
NOV. 6	@ FLORIDA
NOV. 20	*UNLV
NOV. 27	LOUISIANA TECH

## STANFORD

SEP. 4	@ WASHINGTON
SEP. 11	SAN JOSE ST.
SEP. 18	COLORADO
SEP. 25	UCLA
OCT. 2	NOTRE DAME
OCT. 16	*ARIZONA
OCT. 23	ARIZONA ST.
OCT. 30	OREGON ST.
NOV. 6	@ SOUTHERN CAL
NOV. 13	@ OREGON
NOV. 20	CALIFORNIA

## SYRACUSE

SEP. 4	BALL ST.
SEP. 9	*EAST CARO.
SEP. 18	*TEXAS
SEP. 25	CINCINNATI
OCT. 2	BOSTON COLLEGE
OCT. 16	@ PITTSBURGH
OCT. 23	@ MIAMI (FLA.)
OCT. 30	WEST VA.
NOV. 6	TEMPLE
NOV. 13	@ VIRGINIA TECH
NOV. 26	@ RUTGERS

## TEMPLE

SEP. 9	*EASTERN MICH.
SEP. 18	CALIFORNIA
SEP. 25	@ BOSTON COL.
OCT. 2	*RUTGERS
OCT. 9	ARMY
OCT. 16	@ VIRGINIA TECH
OCT. 23	AKRON
OCT. 30	@ MIAMI (FLA.)
NOV. 6	@ SYRACUSE
NOV. 13	WEST VA.
NOV. 20	PITTSBURGH

## TENNESSEE

SEP. 4	LOUISIANA TECH
SEP. 11	GEORGIA
SEP. 18	@ FLORIDA
SEP. 25	LOUISIANA ST.
OCT. 2	DUKE
OCT. 9	ARKANSAS
	@ LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
OCT. 16	ALABAMA
	@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
OCT. 30	SOUTH CARO.
NOV. 6	LOUISVILLE
NOV. 20	@ KENTUCKY
NOV. 27	VANDERBILT

## TEXAS

SEP. 4	@ COLORADO
SEP. 18	SYRACUSE
SEP. 25	@ LOUISVILLE
OCT. 2	RICE
OCT. 9	OKLAHOMA
	@ DALLAS, TEX.
OCT. 23	SMU
	@ SAN ANTONIO, TEX.
OCT. 30	TEXAS TECH
NOV. 4	*HOUSTON
NOV. 13	TEXAS CHRISTIAN
NOV. 20	BAYLOR
NOV. 25	*TEXAS A&M

## TEXAS A&M

SEP. 4	LOUISIANA ST.
SEP. 11	@ OKLAHOMA
SEP. 18	MISSOURI
OCT. 2	*TEXAS TECH
OCT. 9	HOUSTON
OCT. 16	BAYLOR
OCT. 23	@ RICE
OCT. 30	SMU
NOV. 13	LOUISVILLE
NOV. 20	@ TEX. CHRISTIAN
NOV. 25	TEXAS

## TEXAS CHRISTIAN

SEP. 4	OKLAHOMA
SEP. 11	NEW MEXICO
SEP. 25	SMU
OCT. 2	@ OKLAHOMA ST.
OCT. 9	@ RICE
OCT. 16	TULANE
OCT. 23	@ BAYLOR
OCT. 30	HOUSTON
NOV. 6	@ TEXAS TECH
NOV. 13	@ TEXAS
NOV. 20	TEXAS A&M

## TEXAS TECH

SEP. 4	PACIFIC (CAL.)
SEP. 11	@ NEBRASKA
SEP. 18	@ GEORGIA
SEP. 25	*BAYLOR
OCT. 2	TEXAS A&M
OCT. 9	N.C. ST.
OCT. 16	RICE
OCT. 30	@ TEXAS
NOV. 6	TEXAS CHRISTIAN
NOV. 13	@ SMU
NOV. 20	HOUSTON
	@ SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

## TOLEDO

SEP. 4	*INDIANA
SEP. 18	SOUTHERN ILL.
SEP. 25	OHIO
OCT. 2	@ BOWLING GREEN
OCT. 9	@ BALL ST.
OCT. 16	MIAMI (OHIO)
OCT. 23	CINCINNATI
OCT. 30	@ KENT
NOV. 6	CENTRAL MICH.
NOV. 13	@ WESTERN MICH.
NOV. 19	EASTERN MICH.

## TULANE

SEP. 4	ALABAMA
	@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
SEP. 11	@ RICE
SEP. 18	WILLIAM & MARY
SEP. 25	MISSISSIPPI ST.
OCT. 2	NAVY
OCT. 9	SW LOUISIANA
OCT. 16	@ TEX. CHRISTIAN
OCT. 30	@ BOSTON COL.
NOV. 6	@ SOUTHERN MISS.
NOV. 13	NORTH CARO.
NOV. 20	*LOUISIANA ST.
DEC. 4	*HAWAII

## TULSA

SEP. 4	@ IOWA
SEP. 11	@ HOUSTON
SEP. 18	OKLAHOMA ST.
SEP. 25	@ OKLAHOMA
OCT. 2	CINCINNATI
OCT. 16	@ MEMPHIS ST.
OCT. 30	MIDDLE TENN. ST.
NOV. 6	@ EAST CARO.
NOV. 13	@ ARKANSAS
NOV. 20	SOUTHERN MISS.
NOV. 25	LOUISVILLE

## UCLA

SEP. 4	CALIFORNIA
SEP. 18	NEBRASKA
SEP. 25	@ STANFORD
SEP. 30	*SAN DIEGO ST.
OCT. 9	BRIGHAM YOUNG
OCT. 16	WASHINGTON
OCT. 23	@ OREGON ST.
OCT. 30	ARIZONA
NOV. 6	@ WASHINGTON ST.
NOV. 13	ARIZONA ST.
NOV. 20	@ SOUTHERN CAL

## UTEP

SEP. 4/	*ARIZONA
SEP. 11	UNLV
SEP. 18	*NEW MEXICO ST.
SEP. 25	*HAWAII
OCT. 2	@ NORTH CARO.
OCT. 9	WYOMING
OCT. 16	UTAH
OCT. 30	@ AIR FORCE
NOV. 6	*FRESNO ST.
NOV. 13	COLORADO ST.
NOV. 20	NEW MEXICO
NOV. 27	BRIGHAM YOUNG

## UTAH

SEP. 4	*ARIZONA ST.
SEP. 11	UTAH ST.
SEP. 18	@ KANSAS
SEP. 25	@ WYOMING
OCT. 2	IDAHO
OCT. 9	NEW MEXICO
OCT. 16	*UTEP
OCT. 23	COLORADO ST.
OCT. 30	SAN DIEGO ST.
NOV. 6	*HAWAII
NOV. 13	AIR FORCE
NOV. 20	@ BYU

## UTAH STATE

SEP. 4	*SW LOUISIANA
SEP. 11	UTAH
SEP. 18	BAYLOR
SEP. 25	*FRESNO ST.
OCT. 2	*LOUISIANA ST.
OCT. 16	NEVADA
OCT. 23	*UNLV
OCT. 30	BRIGHAM YOUNG
NOV. 6	PACIFIC (CAL.)
NOV. 13	LOUISIANA TECH
NOV. 20	@ NEW MEXICO ST.



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## VANDERBILT

SEP. 4	*WAKE FOREST
SEP. 11	ALABAMA
SEP. 18	*MISSISSIPPI
OCT. 2	AUBURN
OCT. 9	CINCINNATI
OCT. 16	GEORGIA
OCT. 23	@ SOUTH CARO.
NOV. 6	KENTUCKY
NOV. 13	NAVY
NOV. 20	@ FLORIDA
NOV. 27	@ TENNESSEE

## VIRGINIA

SEP. 4	@ MARYLAND
SEP. 11	NAVY
SEP. 18	*GEORGIA TECH
SEP. 25	DUKE
OCT. 2	OHIO
OCT. 16	@ FLORIDA ST.
OCT. 23	NORTH CARO.
OCT. 30	@ N.C. ST.
NOV. 6	WAKE FOREST
NOV. 13	@ CLEMSON
NOV. 20	VIRGINIA TECH

## VIRGINIA TECH

SEP. 4	BOWLING GREEN
SEP. 11	*PITTSBURGH
SEP. 18	@ MIAMI (FLA.)
SEP. 25	MARYLAND
OCT. 2	@ WEST VA.
OCT. 16	TEMPLE
OCT. 23	RUTGERS
OCT. 30	EAST CARO.
NOV. 6	@ BOSTON COL.
NOV. 13	SYRACUSE
NOV. 20	@ VIRGINIA

## WAKE FOREST

SEP. 4	VANDERBILT
SEP. 11	NORTH CARO. ST.
SEP. 18	APPALACHIAN ST.
SEP. 25	@ NORTHWESTERN
OCT. 9	@ NORTH CARO.
OCT. 16	@ CLEMSON
OCT. 23	DUKE
OCT. 30	@ FLORIDA ST.
NOV. 6	@ VIRGINIA
NOV. 13	GEORGIA TECH
NOV. 20	MARYLAND

## WASHINGTON

SEP. 4	STANFORD
SEP. 11	*OHIO ST.
SEP. 25	EAST CARO.
OCT. 2	SAN JOSE ST.
OCT. 9	@ CALIFORNIA
OCT. 16	@ UCLA
OCT. 23	OREGON
OCT. 30	*ARIZONA ST.
NOV. 6	@ OREGON ST.
NOV. 13	SOUTHERN CAL
NOV. 20	WASHINGTON ST.

## WASHINGTON STATE

SEP. 4	@ MICHIGAN
SEP. 11	MONTANA ST.
SEP. 18	OREGON ST.
SEP. 25	@ SOUTHERN CAL
OCT. 2	*PACIFIC (CAL.)
OCT. 9	ARIZONA ST.
OCT. 16	CALIFORNIA
OCT. 23	*ARIZONA
OCT. 30	@ OREGON
NOV. 6	UCLA
NOV. 20	@ WASHINGTON

## WEST VIRGINIA

SEP. 4	EASTERN MICH.
SEP. 18	@ MARYLAND
SEP. 25	MISSOURI
OCT. 2	VIRGINIA TECH
OCT. 9	LOUISVILLE
OCT. 23	PITTSBURGH
OCT. 30	@ SYRACUSE
NOV. 6	RUTGERS
NOV. 13	@ TEMPLE
NOV. 20	MIAMI (FLA.)
NOV. 26	@ BOSTON COL.

## WESTERN MICHIGAN

SEP. 2	YOUNGSTOWN ST.
SEP. 11	@ PURDUE
SEP. 18	AKRON
SEP. 25	MIAMI (OHIO)
OCT. 2	@ KENT
OCT. 9	CENTRAL MICH.
OCT. 23	*EASTERN MICH.
OCT. 30	@ ARMY
NOV. 6	@ OHIO
NOV. 13	TOLEDO
NOV. 20	@ BOWLING GREEN

## WISCONSIN

SEP. 4	NEVADA
SEP. 11	*SMU
SEP. 18	IOWA ST.
SEP. 25	@ INDIANA
OCT. 9	NORTHWESTERN
OCT. 16	@ PURDUE
OCT. 23	*MINNESOTA
OCT. 30	MICHIGAN
NOV. 6	OHIO ST.
NOV. 20	@ ILLINOIS
DEC. 5	MICHIGAN ST.
	@ TOKYO, JAPAN

## WYOMING

SEP. 4	OREGON ST.
SEP. 11	NORTHERN IOWA
SEP. 18	*SAN JOSE ST.
SEP. 25	UTAH
OCT. 2	@ AIR FORCE
OCT. 9	*UTEP
OCT. 23	HAWAII
OCT. 30	FRESNO ST.
NOV. 13	@ NEW MEXICO
NOV. 20	COLORADO ST.
NOV. 27	@ SAN DIEGO ST.

## DIVISION I-AA SEASON SCHEDULE

### BIRMINGHAM

SEP. 6	TROY ST.
SEP. 11	MOREHEAD ST.
SEP. 25	*WESTERN KY.
OCT. 2	@ MILES
OCT. 9	LAMBUTH
OCT. 16	@ MISS. VAL.
OCT. 23	@ CHARLESTON SO.
OCT. 30	*WOFFORD
NOV. 6	@ BUTLER
NOV. 13	DAYTON
NOV. 20	PRAIRIE VIEW

### ALABAMA STATE

SEP. 11	SOUTHERN-B.R.
SEP. 18	ALCORN ST.
SEP. 25	TROY ST.
OCT. 9	*JACKSON ST.

OCT. 16	@ TEX. SOUTHERN
OCT. 23	@ PRAIRIE VIEW
OCT. 30	ALABAMA A&M
	@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
NOV. 6	GRAMBLING
NOV. 13	@ MISSISSIPPI VAL.

### ALCORN STATE

SEP. 4	GRAMBLING
SEP. 11	TEXAS SOUTHERN
	@ JACKSON, MISS.
SEP. 18	*ALABAMA ST.
SEP. 25	HOWARD
	@ ST. LOUIS, MO.
OCT. 2	SAM HOUSTON ST.
OCT. 16	PRAIRIE VIEW
OCT. 23	*SOUTHERN-B.R.
OCT. 30	JACKSONVILLE ST.
NOV. 6	MISSISSIPPI VAL.
NOV. 13	@ TROY ST.
NOV. 20	@ JACKSON ST.

### APPALACHIAN STATE

SEP. 4	@ N.C. A&T
SEP. 11	LIBERTY
SEP. 18	*WAKE FOREST
SEP. 25	*CITADEL
OCT. 2	EAST TENN. ST.
OCT. 9	@ FURMAN
OCT. 16	GA. SOUTHERN
OCT. 23	*MARSHALL
OCT. 30	TENN.-CHATT.
NOV. 13	WESTERN CARO.
NOV. 20	@ VA. MILITARY

### AUSTIN PEAY

SEP. 4	*CINCINNATI
SEP. 11	KNOXVILLE
SEP. 18	WESTERN KY.
SEP. 25	*EASTERN KY.
OCT. 2	TENNESSEE TECH
OCT. 9	@ MURRAY ST.
OCT. 16	TENNESSEE ST.
	@ NASHVILLE, TENN.
OCT. 23	@ MOREHEAD ST.
OCT. 30	SOUTHEAST MO. ST.
NOV. 6	@ MIDDLE TENN. ST.
NOV. 20	TENN.-MARTIN

### BETHUNE-COOKMAN

SEP. 4	KNOXVILLE
	@ JACKSONVILLE, FLA.
SEP. 11	MORGAN ST.
SEP. 18	JOHNSON SMITH
SEP. 25	*SAMDOR
OCT. 2	@ DELAWARE ST.
OCT. 9	HOWARD
OCT. 16	SOUTH CARO. ST.
OCT. 23	CENTRAL FLA.
OCT. 30	NORTH CARO. A&T
NOV. 13	@ NORFOLK ST.
NOV. 20	FLORIDA A&M
	@ TAMPA, FLA.

### BOISE STATE

SEP. 4	RHODE ISLAND
SEP. 11	@ NEVADA
SEP. 18	NORTHEASTERN
SEP. 25	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
OCT. 2	@ MONTANA
OCT. 9	NORTHERN ARIZ.
OCT. 16	*WEBER ST.
OCT. 23	IDAHO ST.
OCT. 30	MONTANA ST.
NOV. 13	EASTERN WASH.
NOV. 20	@ IDAHO
SEP. 11	MAINE
SEP. 18	@ HOLY CROSS

SEP. 25	MASSACHUSETTS
OCT. 2	VILLANOVA
OCT. 9	@ NORTHEASTERN
OCT. 16	@ RICHMOND
OCT. 23	RHODE ISLAND
OCT. 30	@ NEW HAMPSHIRE
NOV. 6	BUFFALO
NOV. 13	@ CONNECTICUT
NOV. 20	@ JAMES MADISON

### BROWN

SEP. 18	@ YALE
SEP. 25	@ LEHIGH
OCT. 2	RHODE ISLAND
OCT. 9	PRINCETON
OCT. 16	BUCKNELL
OCT. 23	@ PENNSYLVANIA
OCT. 30	CORNELL
NOV. 6	HARVARD
NOV. 13	@ DARTMOUTH
NOV. 20	COLUMBIA

### BUCKNELL

SEP. 4	BLOOMSBURG
SEP. 11	@ LAFAYETTE
SEP. 25	PENNSYLVANIA
OCT. 2	DARTMOUTH
OCT. 9	@ HOFSTRA
OCT. 16	@ BROWN
OCT. 23	HOLY CROSS
OCT. 30	@ FORDHAM
NOV. 6	LEHIGH
NOV. 13	@ TOWSON ST.
NOV. 20	@ COLGATE

### BUFFALO

SEP. 4	MAINE
SEP. 11	NEW HAVEN
SEP. 18	LAFAYETTE
SEP. 25	EDINBORO
OCT. 2	*HOFSTRA
OCT. 9	@ FORDHAM
OCT. 16	BUFFALO ST.
OCT. 23	TOWSON ST.
OCT. 30	@ YOUNGSTOWN ST.
NOV. 6	@ BOSTON U.
NOV. 13	@ CENTRAL FLA.

### BUTLER

SEP. 4	*HOFSTRA
SEP. 18	@ GEORGETOWN (KY.)
SEP. 25	DRAKE
OCT. 2	HILLSDALE
OCT. 9	VALPARAISO
OCT. 16	@ DAYTON
OCT. 23	*SAN DIEGO
OCT. 30	@ EVANSVILLE
NOV. 6	ALA.-BIRMINGHAM
NOV. 13	@ INDIANAPOLIS

### CAL STATE-NORTHridge

SEP. 4	*SAN DIEGO ST.
SEP. 11	*WEBER ST.
SEP. 18	*NORTHERN ARIZ.
SEP. 25	SONOMA ST.
OCT. 9	*NEVADA-LAS VEGAS
OCT. 16	CS-SACRAMENTO
OCT. 23	*UC DAVIS
OCT. 30	CAL ST. CHICO
NOV. 6	*CAL POLY SLO
NOV. 13	SOUTHERN UTAH

### CAL STATE-SACRAMENTO

SEP. 4	CAL ST. HAYWARD
SEP. 11	@ SAN FRAN. ST.
SEP. 18	EASTERN WASH.



SEP. 25 \*PACIFIC (CAL.)  
OCT. 9 ST. MARY'S (CAL.)  
OCT. 16 \*CS- NORTHBRIDGE  
OCT. 23 @ CAL POLY SLO  
OCT. 30 @ MONTANA  
NOV. 13 DAVIS  
NOV. 20 SOUTHERN UTAH

### CANISIUS

SEP. 11 \*DUQUESNE  
SEP. 18 @ BUFFALO ST.  
SEP. 25 GANNON  
OCT. 2 MERCYHURST  
OCT. 9 IONA  
OCT. 16 @ ST. JOHN'S (N.Y.)  
OCT. 23 @ ST. PETER'S  
OCT. 30 ST. FRANCIS (PA.)  
NOV. 6 @ SIENA  
NOV. 13 GEORGETOWN

### CONNECTICUT STATE

SEP. 11 @ TOWSON ST.  
SEP. 18 @ IONA  
SEP. 25 @ WAGNER  
OCT. 2 @ ST. FRANCIS (PA.)  
OCT. 9 MARIST  
OCT. 16 SPRINGFIELD  
OCT. 23 LIU-C.W. POST  
OCT. 30 SO. CONN. ST.  
NOV. 6 ST. PETER'S  
NOV. 13 DUQUESNE

### CENTRAL FLORIDA

SEP. 11 VALDOSTA ST.  
SEP. 18 @ EAST CARO.  
SEP. 25 MCNEESE ST.  
OCT. 2 YALE  
OCT. 9 SAMFORD  
OCT. 16 WESTERN ILL.  
OCT. 23 @ BETHUNE-COOKMAN  
OCT. 30 @ TROY ST.  
NOV. 6 LIBERTY  
NOV. 13 BUFFALO  
NOV. 20 \*LOUISIANA TECH

### CHARLESTON SO.

SEP. 4 @ MORGAN ST.  
SEP. 11 PRESBYTERIAN  
SEP. 18 \*SOUTH CARO. ST.  
SEP. 25 @ TOWSON ST.  
OCT. 2 @ TROY ST.  
OCT. 9 @ NEWBERRY  
OCT. 16 LEES-MCRAE  
OCT. 23 ALA.-BIRMINGHAM  
OCT. 30 @ LIBERTY  
NOV. 6 @ NEWPORT NEWS  
NOV. 13 WOFFORD

### CITADEL

SEP. 4/ WOFFORD  
SEP. 11 @ GA. SOUTHERN  
SEP. 18 @ WESTERN CARO.  
SEP. 25 APPALACHIAN ST.  
OCT. 2 LEES-MCRAE  
OCT. 9/ \*EAST TENN. ST.  
OCT. 16 FURMAN  
OCT. 23 @ AIR FORCE  
OCT. 30 MARSHALL  
NOV. 6 @ TENN.-CHATT.  
NOV. 13 VA. MILITARY

### COLGATE

SEP. 4 \*RUTGERS  
SEP. 11 @ ARMY  
SEP. 25 \*CORNELL  
OCT. 2 COLUMBIA  
OCT. 9 PENNSYLVANIA  
OCT. 16 @ NAVY  
OCT. 23 LEHIGH  
OCT. 30 @ LAFAYETTE  
NOV. 6 @ FORDHAM  
NOV. 13 @ HOLY CROSS  
NOV. 20 BUCKNELL

### COLUMBIA

SEP. 18 @ HARVARD  
SEP. 25 FORDHAM  
OCT. 2 @ COLGATE  
OCT. 9 LAFAYETTE  
OCT. 16 PENNSYLVANIA  
OCT. 23 YALE  
OCT. 30 @ PRINCETON  
NOV. 6 DARTMOUTH  
NOV. 13 @ CORNELL  
NOV. 20 @ BROWN

### CONNECTICUT

SEP. 4 @ FURMAN  
SEP. 11 NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SEP. 18 JAMES MADISON  
SEP. 25 @ YALE  
OCT. 2 TOWSON ST.  
OCT. 9 @ VILLANOVA  
OCT. 16 MASSACHUSETTS  
OCT. 23 @ MAINE  
OCT. 30 @ RICHMOND  
NOV. 6 @ RHODE ISLAND  
NOV. 13 BOSTON U.

### CORNELL

SEP. 18 @ PRINCETON  
SEP. 25 COLGATE  
OCT. 2 @ LEHIGH  
OCT. 9 HARVARD  
OCT. 16 FORDHAM  
OCT. 23 @ DARTMOUTH  
OCT. 30 @ BROWN  
NOV. 6 YALE  
NOV. 13 COLUMBIA  
NOV. 20 @ PENNSYLVANIA

### DARTMOUTH

SEP. 18 @ PENNSYLVANIA  
SEP. 25 HOLY CROSS  
OCT. 2 @ BUCKNELL  
OCT. 9 NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OCT. 16 @ YALE  
OCT. 23 CORNELL  
OCT. 30 HARVARD  
NOV. 6 @ COLUMBIA  
NOV. 13 BROWN  
NOV. 20 PRINCETON

### DAVIDSON

SEP. 11 @ SEWANEE  
SEP. 18 RHODES  
SEP. 25 @ EMORY & HENRY  
OCT. 2 @ GUILFORD  
OCT. 9 @ WASH. & LEE  
OCT. 16 METHODIST  
OCT. 23 RANDOLPH-MACON  
OCT. 30 HAMPDEN-SYDNEY  
NOV. 6 @ CENTRE  
NOV. 13 BRIDGEWATER (VA.)

### DAYTON

SEP. 11 WIS.-PLATTEVILLE  
SEP. 18 WHEATON (ILL.)  
SEP. 25 SAN DIEGO  
OCT. 2 @ MT. ST. JOSEPH  
OCT. 9 @ EVANSVILLE  
OCT. 16 BUTLER  
OCT. 23 @ DRAKE  
OCT. 30 VALPARAISO  
NOV. 6 URBANA  
NOV. 13 @ ALA.-BIRM.

### DELAWARE

SEP. 4 LEHIGH  
SEP. 11 WILLIAM & MARY  
SEP. 18 @ RHODE ISLAND  
SEP. 25 WEST CHESTER  
OCT. 9 @ JAMES MADISON  
OCT. 16 VILLANOVA  
OCT. 23 @ MASSACHUSETTS  
OCT. 30 MAINE  
NOV. 6 TOWSON ST.  
NOV. 13 RICHMOND  
NOV. 20 @ NORTHEASTERN

### DELAWARE STATE

SEP. 4 FAYETTEVILLE ST.  
@ WILMINGTON, DEL.  
SEP. 11 CHEYNEY  
SEP. 18 @ TOWSON ST.  
OCT. 2 BETHUNE-COOKMAN  
OCT. 9 @ YOUNGSTOWN ST.  
OCT. 16 @ FLORIDA A&M  
OCT. 23 MORGAN ST.  
OCT. 30 @ SOUTH CARO. ST.  
NOV. 6 @ NORTH CARO. A&T  
NOV. 13 LIBERTY  
NOV. 20 HOWARD

### DRAKE

SEP. 11 SIMPSON  
SEP. 18 @ AUGUSTANA (ILL.)  
SEP. 25 @ BUTLER  
OCT. 2 AURORA

OCT. 9 @ CHICAGO  
OCT. 16 @ VALPARAISO  
OCT. 23 DAYTON  
OCT. 30 ILL. BENEDICTINE  
NOV. 6/93 @ SAN DIEGO  
NOV. 13 EVANSVILLE

### DUQUESNE

SEP. 11 CANISIUS  
SEP. 18 BETHANY (W.VA.)  
SEP. 25 @ THIEL  
OCT. 2 @ GANNON  
OCT. 9 WAGNER  
OCT. 16 @ MARIST  
OCT. 23 MERCYHURST  
OCT. 30 ST. JOHN'S (N.Y.)  
NOV. 6 @ ST. FRANCIS (PA.)  
NOV. 13 @ CENTRAL CONN. ST.

### EAST TENNESSEE STATE

SEP. 4 WINGATE  
SEP. 11 MARS HILL  
SEP. 18 @ VA. MILITARY  
SEP. 25 @ FURMAN  
OCT. 2 @ APPALACHIAN ST.  
OCT. 9 CITADEL  
OCT. 16 WESTERN CARO.  
OCT. 23 @ CLEMSON  
NOV. 6 @ MARSHALL  
NOV. 13 TENN.-CHATT.  
NOV. 20 GA. SOUTHERN

### EASTERN ILLINOIS

SEP. 2 \*MURRAY ST.  
SEP. 11 \*MCNEESE ST.  
SEP. 18 \*NAVY  
SEP. 25 WESTERN ILL.  
OCT. 2 @ INDIANA ST.  
OCT. 16 \*NORTHERN IOWA  
OCT. 23 ILLINOIS ST.  
OCT. 30 SW MISSOURI ST.  
NOV. 6 NORTHWESTERN (LA.)  
NOV. 13 @ WESTERN KY.  
NOV. 20 @ SOUTHERN ILL.

### EASTERN KENTUCKY

SEP. 2 WESTERN KY.  
SEP. 11 \*NORTHEAST LA.  
SEP. 25 AUSTIN PEAY  
OCT. 2 YOUNGSTOWN ST.  
OCT. 9 TENNESSEE ST.  
@ LOUISVILLE, KY.  
OCT. 16 \*MURRAY ST.  
OCT. 23 TENNESSEE TECH  
OCT. 30 TENN.-MARTIN  
NOV. 06 @ SE MISSOURI ST.  
NOV. 13 MIDDLE TENN. ST.  
NOV. 20 @ MOREHEAD ST.

### EASTERN WASHINGTON

SEP. 4 NORTHEAST LA.  
SEP. 18 \*CS-SACRAMENTO  
SEP. 25 MONTANA  
OCT. 2 \*WEBER ST.  
OCT. 9 PORTLAND ST.  
OCT. 16 @ IDAHO  
OCT. 23 NORTHERN ARIZ.  
OCT. 30 IDAHO ST.  
NOV. 6 @ MONTANA ST.  
NOV. 13 @ BOISE ST.

### EVANSVILLE

SEP. 11 @ FRANKLIN  
SEP. 18 KY. WESLEYAN  
SEP. 25 ROSE-HULMAN  
OCT. 2 @ ADRIAN  
OCT. 9 DAYTON  
OCT. 16 @ SAN DIEGO  
OCT. 23 @ VALPARAISO  
OCT. 30 BUTLER  
NOV. 6 CUMBERLAND (TENN.)  
NOV. 13 @ DRAKE

### FLORIDA A&M

SEP. 4 TENNESSEE ST.  
SEP. 11 SOUTH CARO. ST.  
@ COLUMBIA, S.C.  
SEP. 18 JACKSON ST.  
OCT. 2 @ HOWARD  
OCT. 9 @ NORTH CARO. A&T  
OCT. 16 DELAWARE ST.  
OCT. 23 ALBANY ST. (GA.)  
OCT. 30 MORGAN ST.  
@ ORLANDO, FLA.  
NOV. 6 SOUTHERN-B.R.  
NOV. 13 @ GRAMBLING  
NOV. 20 BETHUNE-COOKMAN  
@ TAMPA, FLA.

### FORDHAM

SEP. 11 LEHIGH  
SEP. 18 @ VILLANOVA  
SEP. 25 @ COLUMBIA  
OCT. 2 @ PENNSYLVANIA  
OCT. 9 BUFFALO  
OCT. 16 @ CORNELL  
OCT. 23 @ LAFAYETTE  
OCT. 30 BUCKNELL  
NOV. 6 COLGATE  
NOV. 13 HOLY CROSS  
NOV. 20 @ HOLY CROSS

### FURMAN

SEP. 4 CONNECTICUT  
SEP. 11 @ GEORGIA TECH  
SEP. 18 WOFFORD  
SEP. 25 EAST TENN. ST.  
OCT. 2 @ WESTERN CARO.  
OCT. 9 APPALACHIAN ST.  
OCT. 16 @ CITADEL  
OCT. 30 VA. MILITARY  
NOV. 6 @ GA. SOUTHERN  
NOV. 13 MARSHALL  
NOV. 20 @ TENN.-CHATT.

### GEORGIA SOUTHERN

SEP. 4 SAVANNAH ST.  
SEP. 11 CITADEL  
SEP. 18 \*MARSHALL  
SEP. 25 TENN.-CHATT.  
OCT. 2 @ MIAMI (FLA.)  
OCT. 9 WESTERN CARO.  
OCT. 16 @ APPALACHIAN ST.  
OCT. 23 @ VA. MILITARY  
NOV. 6 FURMAN  
NOV. 13 CONCORD (W. VA.)  
NOV. 20 @ EAST TENN. ST.

### GEORGETOWN

SEP. 25 @ IONA  
OCT. 2 @ SIENA  
OCT. 9 \*ST. PETER'S  
OCT. 16 FRANK. & MARSH.  
OCT. 22 \*JOHNS HOPKINS  
OCT. 30 CATHOLIC  
NOV. 6 ST. JOHN'S (N.Y.)  
NOV. 13 @ CANISIUS  
NOV. 20 \*WASH. & LEE  
@ HAMILTON, BERMUDA

### GRAMBLING

SEP. 4 @ ALCORN ST.  
SEP. 18 TENNESSEE ST.  
@ MEMPHIS, TENN.  
SEP. 25 HAMPTON  
@ E. RUTHERFORD, N.J.  
OCT. 2 PRAIRIE VIEW  
@ DALLAS, TEX.  
OCT. 9 MISSISSIPPI VAL.  
OCT. 16 ARK.-PINE BLUFF  
@ SHREVEPORT, LA.  
OCT. 23 \*JACKSON ST.  
OCT. 30 TEXAS SOUTHERN  
NOV. 6 \*ALABAMA ST.  
NOV. 13 FLORIDA A&M  
NOV. 27 SOUTHERN-B.R.  
@ NEW ORLEANS, LA.

 **TOYOTA**  
*"I love what you do for me."*



# TOYOTA

## HARVARD

SEP. 18	COLUMBIA
SEP. 25	@ WILLIAM & MARY
OCT. 2	LAFAYETTE
OCT. 9	@ CORNELL
OCT. 16	HOLY CROSS
OCT. 23	PRINCETON
OCT. 30	@ DARTMOUTH
NOV. 6	@ BROWN
NOV. 13	PENNSYLVANIA
NOV. 20	@ YALE

## HOFSTRA

SEP. 4	BUTLER
SEP. 11	@ RHODE ISLAND
SEP. 18	@ LEHIGH
SEP. 25	ILLINOIS ST.
OCT. 2	BUFFALO
OCT. 9	BUCKNELL
OCT. 16	@ LAFAYETTE
OCT. 30	TOWSON ST.
NOV. 13	@ FORDHAM
NOV. 20	@ MAINE

## HOLY CROSS

SEP. 11	@ MASSACHUSETTS
SEP. 18	BOSTON U.
SEP. 25	@ DARTMOUTH
OCT. 2	@ PRINCETON
OCT. 9	YALE
OCT. 16	@ HARVARD
OCT. 23	@ BUCKNELL
OCT. 30	@ LEHIGH
NOV. 6	LAFAYETTE
NOV. 13	COLGATE
NOV. 20	FORDHAM

## HOWARD

SEP. 4	VIRGINIA UNION
SEP. 18	WINSTON-SALEM
SEP. 25	ALCORN ST.
	@ ST. LOUIS, MO.
OCT. 2	FLORIDA A&M
OCT. 9	@ BETHUNE-COOKMAN
OCT. 16	@ TOWSON ST.
OCT. 23	@ N. CAROLINA A&T
OCT. 30	MOREHOUSE
NOV. 6	SOUTH CARO. ST.
NOV. 13	@ MORGAN ST.
NOV. 20	@ DELAWARE ST.

## IDAHO

SEP. 2	*STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
SEP. 11	SW TEXAS ST.
SEP. 18	*WEBER ST.
OCT. 2	*UTAH
OCT. 9	@ IDAHO ST.
OCT. 16	EASTERN WASH.
OCT. 23	@ MONTANA ST.
OCT. 30	*NORTHERN ARIZ.
NOV. 6	MONTANA
NOV. 13	LEHIGH
NOV. 20	BOISE ST.

## IDAHO STATE

SEP. 4	CHADRON ST.
SEP. 11	*PORTLAND ST.
SEP. 18	@ MONTANA
SEP. 25	NORTHERN ARIZ.
OCT. 2	MESA ST.
OCT. 9	IDAHO
OCT. 16	MONTANA ST.
OCT. 23	*BOISE ST.
OCT. 30	@ EASTERN WASH.
NOV. 6	@ NEW MEXICO
NOV. 13	WEBER ST.

## ILLINOIS STATE

SEP. 4	*TENNESSEE TECH
SEP. 11	@ BALL ST.
SEP. 18	MCNEESE ST.
SEP. 25	*HOFSTRA
OCT. 2	WESTERN ILL.
OCT. 9	@ SW MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 16	INDIANA ST.
OCT. 23	@ EASTERN ILL.
OCT. 30	NORTHERN IOWA
NOV. 6	@ SOUTHERN ILL.
NOV. 13	YOUNGSTOWN ST.

## INDIANA STATE

SEP. 4	@ AIR FORCE
SEP. 11	*MINNESOTA
SEP. 25	*SW MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 2	EASTERN ILL.
OCT. 9	@ NORTHERN IOWA
OCT. 16	@ ILLINOIS ST.
OCT. 23	WESTERN KY.
OCT. 30	SOUTHERN ILL.
NOV. 6	@ YOUNGSTOWN ST.
NOV. 13	WEST VA. TECH
NOV. 20	WESTERN ILL.

## IONA

SEP. 11	@ SACRED HEART
SEP. 18	CENTRAL CONN. ST.
SEP. 25	GEORGETOWN
OCT. 2	@ WAGNER
OCT. 9	@ CANISIUS
OCT. 16	*ST. PETER'S
OCT. 23	PACE
OCT. 30	@ SIENA
NOV. 6	MARIST
NOV. 12	*ST. JOHN'S (N.Y.)

## JACKSON STATE

SEP. 11	TENNESSEE ST.
	@ CHICAGO, ILL.
SEP. 18	*FLORIDA A&M
SEP. 25	*MISSISSIPPI VAL.
OCT. 2	SOUTH CARO. ST.
	@ INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
OCT. 9	ALABAMA ST.
OCT. 16	SOUTHERN-B.R.
OCT. 23	GRAMBLING
NOV. 6	TEXAS SOUTHERN
NOV. 13	@ PRAIRIE VIEW
NOV. 20	ALCORN ST.

## JAMES MADISON

SEP. 4	LOCK HAVEN
SEP. 11	RICHMOND
SEP. 18	@ CONNECTICUT
SEP. 25	JACKSONVILLE ST.
OCT. 2	@ MASSACHUSETTS
OCT. 9	DELAWARE
OCT. 16	NEW HAMPSHIRE
OCT. 30	@ WILLIAM & MARY
NOV. 6	@ NORTHEASTERN
NOV. 13	@ VILLANOVA
NOV. 20	BOSTON U.

## LAFAYETTE

SEP. 11	BUCKNELL
SEP. 18	*BUFFALO
SEP. 25	PRINCETON
OCT. 2	@ HARVARD
OCT. 9	@ COLUMBIA
OCT. 16	HOFSTRA
OCT. 23	FORDHAM
OCT. 30	COLGATE
NOV. 6	@ HOLY CROSS
NOV. 13	@ ARMY
NOV. 20	@ LEHIGH

## LEHIGH

SEP. 4	@ DELAWARE
SEP. 11	@ FORDHAM
SEP. 18	HOFSTRA
SEP. 25	BROWN
OCT. 2	CORNELL
OCT. 16	@ PRINCETON
OCT. 23	@ COLGATE
OCT. 30	HOLY CROSS
NOV. 6	@ BUCKNELL
NOV. 13	@ IDAHO
NOV. 20	LAFAYETTE

## LIBERTY

SEP. 4	CONCORD (W. VA.)
SEP. 11	@ APPALACHIAN ST.
SEP. 18	@ SW TEXAS ST.
SEP. 25	INDIANA (PA.)
OCT. 2	NORTH CARO. A&T
OCT. 9	@ TROY ST.
OCT. 16	@ YOUNGSTOWN ST.
OCT. 30	CHARLESTON SO.
NOV. 6	@ CENTRAL FLA.
NOV. 13	@ DELAWARE ST.
NOV. 20	VILLANOVA

## MAINE

SEP. 4	*BUFFALO
SEP. 11	@ BOSTON U.
SEP. 18	MASSACHUSETTS
SEP. 25	@ NEW HAMPSHIRE
OCT. 9	RICHMOND
	@ PORTLAND, ME.
OCT. 16	@ RHODE ISLAND
OCT. 23	CONNECTICUT
OCT. 30Q	@ DELAWARE
NOV. 6	WILLIAM & MARY
NOV. 13	NORTHEASTERN
NOV. 20	HOFSTRA

## MARIST

SEP. 11	@ ST. FRANCIS (PA.)
SEP. 18	PACE
SEP. 25	LIU-C.W. POST
SEP. 30	*ST. JOHN'S (N.Y.)
OCT. 9	@ CEN. CONN. ST.
OCT. 16	DUQUESNE
OCT. 23	RENSSELAER
OCT. 30	WAGNER
NOV. 6	@ IONA
NOV. 13	SIENA

## MARSHALL

SEP. 4	MOREHEAD ST.
SEP. 11	MURRAY ST.
SEP. 18	GA. SOUTHERN
OCT. 2	*TENN.-CHATT.
OCT. 9	VA. MILITARY
OCT. 16	@ N.C. ST.
OCT. 23	APPALACHIAN ST.
OCT. 30	@ CITADEL
NOV. 6	EAST TENN. ST.
NOV. 13	@ FURMAN
NOV. 20	WESTERN CARO.

## MASSACHUSETTS

SEP. 11	HOLY CROSS
SEP. 18	@ MAINE
SEP. 25	@ BOSTON U.
OCT. 2	JAMES MADISON
OCT. 9	RHODE ISLAND
	@ KILLARNEY, IRELAND
OCT. 16	@ CONNECTICUT
OCT. 23	DELAWARE
OCT. 30	@ NORTHEASTERN

NOV. 6	RICHMOND
NOV. 13	WILLIAM & MARY
NOV. 20	NEW HAMPSHIRE

## MCNEESE STATE

SEP. 4	NORTHERN IOWA
SEP. 11	EASTERN ILL.
SEP. 18	*ILLINOIS ST.
SEP. 25	@ CENTRAL FLA.
OCT. 9	*NORTHEAST LA.
OCT. 16	NORTH TEXAS
OCT. 23	SAM HOUSTON ST.
OCT. 30	@ STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
NOV. 6	*SW TEXAS ST.
NOV. 13	@ NORTH-WESTERN (LA)
NOV. 20	NICHOLLS ST.

## MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

SEP. 4	*HAWAII
SEP. 18	CAMPBELLSVILLE
SEP. 25	MURRAY ST.
OCT. 3	@ TENNESSEE ST.
OCT. 9	*TENN.-MARTIN
OCT. 16	@ MOREHEAD ST.
OCT. 23	SE MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 30	@ TULSA
NOV. 6	AUSTIN PEAY
NOV. 13	@ EASTERN KY.
NOV. 20	@ TENNESSEE TECH

## MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

SEP. 4	ARK.-PINE BLUFF
SEP. 11	*LANE
SEP. 25	JACKSON ST.
OCT. 2	SOUTHERN-B.R.
OCT. 9	*GRAMBLING
OCT. 16	ALA.-BIRMINGHAM
OCT. 30	@ PRAIRIE VIEW
NOV. 6	@ ALCORN ST.
NOV. 13	ALABAMA ST.
NOV. 20	TEXAS SOUTHERN

## MONTANA

SEP. 4	SOUTH DAK. ST.
SEP. 11	@ OREGON
SEP. 18	IDAHO ST.
SEP. 25	@ EASTERN WASH.
OCT. 2	BOISE ST.
OCT. 9	WEBER ST.
OCT. 16	*NORTHERN ARIZ.
OCT. 23	JACKSONVILLE ST.
OCT. 30	CS- SACRAMENTO
NOV. 6	@ IDAHO
NOV. 13	@ MONTANA ST.

## MONTANA STATE

SEP. 4	*WESTERN ILL.
SEP. 11	@ WASHINGTON ST.
SEP. 18	FORT LEWIS
SEP. 25	WEBER ST.
OCT. 2	*NORTHERN ARIZ.
OCT. 9	SOUTHERN UTAH
OCT. 16	*IDAHO ST.
OCT. 23	IDAHO
OCT. 30	@ BOISE ST.
NOV. 6	EASTERN WASH.
NOV. 13	MONTANA

## MOREHEAD STATE

SEP. 4	*MARSHALL
SEP. 11	@ ALA.-BIRM.
SEP. 18	WEST VA. TECH
SEP. 25	@ TENNESSEE TECH
OCT. 2	*SE MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 16	MIDDLE TENN. ST.
OCT. 23	AUSTIN PEAY
OCT. 30	*TENNESSEE ST.



NOV. 6 @ MURRAY ST.  
NOV. 13 TENN.-MARTIN  
NOV. 20 EASTERN KY.

### MORGAN STATE

SEP. 4 CHARLESTON SO.  
SEP. 11 @ BETHUNE-COOKMAN  
SEP. 18 @ YOUNGSTOWN ST.  
OCT. 9 SOUTH CARO. ST.  
OCT. 16 NORTH CARO. A&T  
OCT. 23 @ DELAWARE ST.  
OCT. 30 FLORIDA A&M  
@ ORLANDO, FLA.

NOV. 5 @ KNOXVILLE  
NOV. 13 HOWARD  
NOV. 20 TOWSON ST.

### MURRAY STATE

SEP. 2 EASTERN ILL.  
SEP. 11 \*MARSHALL  
SEP. 18 SE MISSOURI ST.  
SEP. 25 \*MIDDLE TENN. ST.  
OCT. 2 \*TENN.-MARTIN  
OCT. 9 AUSTIN PEAY  
OCT. 16 EASTERN KY.  
OCT. 30 @ TENNESSEE TECH  
NOV. 6 MOREHEAD ST.  
NOV. 13 @ TENNESSEE ST.  
NOV. 20 @ WESTERN KY.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

SEP. 4 @ WILLIAM & MARY  
SEP. 11 @ CONNECTICUT  
SEP. 18 RICHMOND  
SEP. 25 MAINE  
OCT. 9 @ DARTMOUTH  
OCT. 16 @ JAMES MADISON  
OCT. 23 NORTHEASTERN  
OCT. 30 BOSTON U.  
NOV. 6 @ VILLANOVA  
NOV. 13 RHODE ISLAND  
NOV. 20 @ MASSACHUSETTS

### NICHOLLS STATE

SEP. 11 \*LIVINGSTON  
SEP. 18 TROY ST.  
SEP. 25 NORTHEAST LA.  
OCT. 2 SAMFORD  
OCT. 9 @ NORTH-WESTERN (LA.)  
OCT. 16 @ STEPHEN F. AUSTIN  
OCT. 23 @ EASTERN ILL.  
OCT. 30 \*SOUTHERN-B.R.  
NOV. 6 SAM HOUSTON ST.  
NOV. 13 @ NORTH TEXAS  
NOV. 20/ \*MCNEESE ST.

### NORTH CAROLINA A&T

SEP. 4 APPALACHIAN ST.  
SEP. 11 \*WINSTON-SALEM  
SEP. 25 @ WESTERN CARO.  
OCT. 2 \*LIBERTY  
OCT. 9 FLORIDA A&M  
OCT. 16 @ MORGAN ST.  
OCT. 23 HOWARD  
OCT. 30 @ BETHUNE-COOKMAN  
NOV. 6 DELAWARE ST.  
NOV. 13 JOHNSON SMITH  
NOV. 20 @ SOUTH CARO. ST.

### NORTH TEXAS

SEP. 4 @ NEBRASKA  
SEP. 11 \*NORTHERN ARIZ.  
SEP. 18 SW MISSOURI ST.  
SEP. 25 ABILENE CHRISTIAN  
OCT. 9 SW TEXAS ST.  
OCT. 16 \*MCNEESE ST.  
OCT. 23 NORTHWESTERN (LA.)  
OCT. 30 @ SAM HOUSTON ST.  
NOV. 6 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN  
NOV. 13 NICHOLLS ST.  
NOV. 20 \*NORTHEAST LA.

### NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

SEP. 4 @ EASTERN WASH.  
SEP. 11 EASTERN KY.  
SEP. 18 @ SOUTHERN MISS.  
SEP. 25 \*NICHOLLS ST.  
OCT. 2 NORTHWESTERN (LA.)  
OCT. 9 MCNEESE ST.  
OCT. 16 \*SOUTHWEST TEX. ST.  
OCT. 23 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN  
NOV. 6 @ ARKANSAS ST.  
NOV. 13 @ SAM HOUSTON ST.  
NOV. 20 NORTH TEXAS

### NORTHEASTERN

SEP. 10 \*VILLANOVA  
SEP. 18 \*BOISE ST.  
SEP. 25 @ RHODE ISLAND  
OCT. 2 @ RICHMOND  
OCT. 9 BOSTON U.  
OCT. 16 WILLIAM & MARY  
OCT. 23 @ NEW HAMPSHIRE  
OCT. 30 MASSACHUSETTS  
NOV. 6 JAMES MADISON  
NOV. 13 @ MAINE  
NOV. 20 DELAWARE

### NORTHERN ARIZONA

SEP. 4 \*SOUTHERN UTAH  
SEP. 11 NORTH TEXAS  
SEP. 18 CS-NORTHBRIDGE  
SEP. 25 \*IDAHO ST.  
OCT. 2 MONTANA ST.  
OCT. 9 \*BOISE ST.  
OCT. 16 MONTANA  
OCT. 23 @ EASTERN WASH.  
OCT. 30 IDAHO  
NOV. 6 @ WEBER ST.  
NOV. 13 VALPARAISO

### NORTHERN IOWA

SEP. 4 \*MCNEESE ST.  
SEP. 11 @ WYOMING  
SEP. 18 ACKSONVILLE ST.  
SEP. 25 SW TEXAS ST.  
OCT. 2 \*SW MISSOURI ST.  
SEP. 9 INDIANA ST.  
OCT. 16 EASTERN ILL.  
OCT. 23 @ WESTERN ILL.  
OCT. 30/ @ ILLINOIS ST.  
NOV. 6 MOORHEAD ST.  
NOV. 13 SOUTHERN ILL.

### NORTHWESTERN (LA.)

SEP. 4 SOUTHERN-B.R.  
@ NEW ORLEANS, LA.  
SEP. 11 TROY ST.  
SEP. 25 EAST TEX. ST.  
OCT. 2 \*NORTHEAST LA.  
OCT. 9 NICHOLLS ST.  
OCT. 16 @ SAM HOUSTON ST.  
OCT. 23 @ NORTH TEXAS  
OCT. 30 SW TEXAS ST.  
NOV. 6 @ EASTERN ILL.  
NOV. 13 MCNEESE ST.  
NOV. 20 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

### PENNSYLVANIA

SEP. 18 DARTMOUTH  
SEP. 25 @ BUCKNELL  
OCT. 2 FORDHAM  
OCT. 9 @ COLGATE  
OCT. 16 @ COLUMBIA  
OCT. 23 BROWN  
OCT. 30 @ YALE  
NOV. 6 PRINCETON  
NOV. 13 @ HARVARD  
NOV. 20 CORNELL

### PRAIRIE VIEW

SEP. 4 \*TEXAS SOUTHERN  
SEP. 11 \*LANGSTON  
SEP. 18 \*SOUTHERN-B.R.  
OCT. 2 GRAMBLING  
@ DALLAS, TEX.  
OCT. 9 WEST TEX. A&M  
OCT. 16 @ ALCORN ST.  
OCT. 23 ALABAMA ST.  
OCT. 30 MISSISSIPPI VAL.  
NOV. 6 ARK.-PINE BLUFF  
NOV. 13 JACKSON ST.  
NOV. 20 @ ALA.-BIRMINGHAM

### PRINCETON

SEP. 18 CORNELL  
SEP. 25 @ LAFAYETTE  
OCT. 2 HOLY CROSS  
OCT. 9 @ BROWN  
OCT. 16 LEHIGH  
OCT. 23 @ HARVARD  
OCT. 30 COLUMBIA  
NOV. 6 @ PENNSYLVANIA  
NOV. 13 YALE  
NOV. 20 @ DARTMOUTH

### RHODE ISLAND

SEP. 4 \*BOISE ST.  
SEP. 11 HOFSTRA  
SEP. 18 DELAWARE  
SEP. 25 NORTHEASTERN  
OCT. 2 @ BROWN  
OCT. 9 MASSACHUSETTS  
@ KILLARNEY, IRELAND  
OCT. 16 MAINE  
OCT. 23 @ BOSTON U.  
OCT. 30 @ VILLANOVA  
NOV. 6 CONNECTICUT  
NOV. 13 @ NEW HAMPSHIRE

### RICHMOND

SEP. 4 VA. MILITARY  
SEP. 11 @ JAMES MADISON  
SEP. 18 @ NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SEP. 25 VILLANOVA  
OCT. 2 NORTHEASTERN  
OCT. 9 MAINE  
@ PORTLAND, ME.  
OCT. 16 BOSTON U.  
OCT. 30 CONNECTICUT  
NOV. 6 @ MASSACHUSETTS  
NOV. 13 @ DELAWARE  
NOV. 20 @ WILLIAM & MARY

### SAM HOUSTON STATE

SEP. 11 \*SE MISSOURI ST.  
SEP. 18 @ RICE  
SEP. 25 TEX. A&M-KINGS.  
OCT. 2 @ ALCORN ST.  
OCT. 9 STEPHEN F. AUSTIN  
OCT. 16 NORTHWESTERN (LA.)  
OCT. 23 \*MCNEESE ST.  
OCT. 30/ NORTH TEXAS  
NOV. 6 \*NICHOLLS ST.  
NOV. 13 NORTHEAST LA.  
NOV. 20 @ SW TEXAS ST.

### SAMFORD

SEP. 4 GLENVILLE ST.  
SEP. 11 \*AUBURN  
SEP. 18 TENNESSEE TECH  
SEP. 25 BETHUNE-COOKMAN  
OCT. 2 \*NICHOLLS ST.  
OCT. 9 @ CENTRAL FLA.  
OCT. 16 MISSISSIPPI COL.  
OCT. 23 @ YOUNGSTOWN ST.  
NOV. 6 TENN.-MARTIN  
NOV. 13 @ SW MISSOURI ST.  
NOV. 20 TROY ST.

### SAN DIEGO

SEP. 4 MENLO  
SEP. 11 LA VERNE  
SEP. 25 @ DAYTON  
OCT. 2 @ VALPARAISO  
OCT. 9 @ CAL LUTHERAN  
OCT. 16 @ EVANSVILLE  
OCT. 23 BUTLER  
OCT. 30 AZUSA-PACIFIC  
NOV. 6 DRAKE  
NOV. 13 WAGNER

### SIENA

SEP. 11 @ ASSUMPTION  
SEP. 18 ST. PETER'S  
SEP. 25 ST. JOHN'S (N.Y.)  
OCT. 2 GEORGETOWN  
OCT. 9 @ RENSSELAER  
OCT. 16 @ BENTLEY  
OCT. 23 @ STONEHILL  
OCT. 30 IONA  
NOV. 6 CANISIUS  
NOV. 13 @ MARIST

### SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

SEP. 4 \*NEWBERRY  
SEP. 11 FLORIDA A&M  
SEP. 18 @ COLUMBIA, S.C.  
CHARLESTON SO.

SEP. 25 SOUTHERN-B.R.  
@ ATLANTA, GA.  
OCT. 2 JACKSON ST.  
@ INDIANAPOLIS, IND.  
OCT. 9 @ MORGAN ST.  
OCT. 16 @ BETHUNE-COOKMAN  
OCT. 23 N.C. CENTRAL  
OCT. 30 DELAWARE ST.  
NOV. 6 @ HOWARD  
NOV. 20 NORTH CARO. A&T

### SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

SEP. 4 \*SW MISSOURI ST.  
SEP. 11 SAM HOUSTON ST.  
SEP. 18 \*MURRAY ST.  
SEP. 25 \*TENN.-MARTIN  
OCT. 2 MOREHEAD ST.  
OCT. 9 TENNESSEE TECH  
OCT. 23 @ MIDDLE TENN. ST.  
OCT. 30 @ AUSTIN PEAY  
NOV. 6 EASTERN KY.  
NOV. 13 KENTUCKY ST.  
NOV. 20 TENNESSEE ST.

### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

SEP. 11 WASHBURN  
SEP. 18 \*TOLEDO  
SEP. 25 \*ARKANSAS ST.  
OCT. 2 @ NORTHERN ILL.  
OCT. 9 @ WESTERN ILL.  
OCT. 16 WESTERN KY.  
OCT. 23 SW MISSOURI ST.  
OCT. 30 @ INDIANA ST.  
NOV. 6 ILLINOIS ST.  
NOV. 13 \*NORTHERN IOWA  
NOV. 20 @ EASTERN ILL.

### SOUTHERN UTAH

SEP. 4 NORTHERN ARIZ.  
SEP. 11 \*ANGELO ST.  
SEP. 18 @ CENTRAL OKLA.  
SEP. 25 UC DAVIS  
OCT. 9 @ MONTANA ST.  
OCT. 16 CAL POLY SLO  
OCT. 23 @ ST. MARY'S (CAL.)  
OCT. 30 @ WEBER ST.  
NOV. 6 PORTLAND ST.  
NOV. 13 \*CS-NORTHBRIDGE  
NOV. 20 \*CS-SACRAMENTO

### SOUTHERN-B.R.

SEP. 4 NORTHWESTERN (LA.)  
@ NEW ORLEANS, LA.  
SEP. 11 \*ALABAMA ST.  
SEP. 18 PRAIRIE VIEW  
SEP. 25 SOUTH CARO. ST.  
@ ATLANTA, GA.  
OCT. 2 \*MISSISSIPPI VAL.  
OCT. 9 \*TEXAS SOUTHERN  
OCT. 16 \*JACKSON ST.  
OCT. 23 ALCORN ST.  
OCT. 30 NICHOLLS ST.  
NOV. 6 FLORIDA A&M  
NOV. 27 GRAMBLING  
@ NEW ORLEANS, LA.

### SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

SEP. 4 SOUTHEAST MO. ST.  
SEP. 11 \*OKLAHOMA ST.  
SEP. 18 \*NORTH TEXAS  
SEP. 25 INDIANA ST.  
OCT. 2 NORTHERN IOWA  
OCT. 9 ILLINOIS ST.  
OCT. 16 JACKSONVILLE ST.  
OCT. 23 @ SOUTHERN ILL.  
OCT. 30 @ EASTERN ILL.  
NOV. 6 @ WESTERN ILL.  
NOV. 13 SAMFORD

### SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE

SEP. 4 TEX. A&M-KINGS.  
SEP. 11 @ IDAHO  
SEP. 18 LIBERTY  
SEP. 25 \*NORTHERN IOWA  
OCT. 9 @ NORTH TEXAS

 **TOYOTA**  
*"I love what you do for me."*



# TOYOTA

OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ NORTHEAST LA.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ NICHOLLS ST.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ \*NORTHWESTERN (LA)  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ MCNEESE ST.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @STEPHEN F. AUSTIN  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ SAM HOUSTON ST.

## FRANCIS (PA.)

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ GANNON  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ MARIST  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SACRED HEART  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ \*ST. PETER'S  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ CENTRAL CONN. ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ MONMOUTH (N. J.)  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WAGNER  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CANISIUS  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ DUQUESNE  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MERCYHURST

## ST. JOHN'S (N.Y.)

SEP. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ ST. PETER'S  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WAGNER  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SIENA  
SEP. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ MARIST  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ PACE  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ CANISIUS  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ SACRED HEART  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ DUQUESNE  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ GEORGETOWN  
NOV. 12 \_\_\_\_\_ IONA  
NOV. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ STONY BROOK

## ST. MARY'S (CAL.)

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SAN FRAN. ST.  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ CAL ST. HAYWARD  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SONOMA ST.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ \*HUMBOLDT ST.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ CAL ST. CHICO  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ \*CS-SACRAMENTO  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ SOUTHERN UTAH  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ UC DAVIS  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WESTERN N. MEX.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ CAL POLY SLO

## ST. PETER'S

SEP. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ \*ST. JOHN'S (N.Y.)  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SIENA  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ ST. FRANCIS (PA.)  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MONMOUTH (N. J.)  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ GEORGETOWN  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ IONA  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ CANISIUS  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ASSUMPTION  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CEN. CONN. ST.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ JERSEY CITY ST.

## STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

SEP. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ IDAHO  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ YOUNGSTOWN ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ LIVINGSTON  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ \*BOISE ST.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SAM HOUSTON ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ NICHOLLS ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ \*NORTHEAST LA.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ MCNEESE ST.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ NORTH TEXAS  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ SW TEXAS ST.  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ @NORTHWESTERN (LA)

## TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA

SEP. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ \*TENN.-MARTIN  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ \*MISSISSIPPI  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ GARDNER-WEBB  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ GA. SOUTHERN  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ MARSHALL  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ VA. MILITARY

OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ WESTERN CARO.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ APPALACHIAN ST.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ CITADEL  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ EAST TENN. ST.  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ FURMAN

## TENNESSEE-MARTIN

SEP. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ TENN.-CHATT.  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ WEST GA.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ SE MISSOURI ST.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ MURRAY ST.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE TENN. ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ TENNESSEE TECH  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ TENNESSEE ST.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ EASTERN KY.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SAMFORD  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MOREHEAD ST.  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ @ AUSTIN PEAY

## TENNESSEE STATE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ @ FLORIDA A&M  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ JACKSON ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CHICAGO, ILL.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ GRAMBLING  
@ MEMPHIS, TENN.  
OCT. 3 \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE TENN. ST.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ EASTERN KY.  
@ LOUISVILLE, KY.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ AUSTIN PEAY  
@ NASHVILLE, TENN.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ TENN.-MARTIN  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ MOREHEAD ST.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ TENNESSEE TECH  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ MURRAY ST.  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SE MISSOURI ST.

## TENNESSEE TECH

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ ILLINOIS ST.  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ LOCK HAVEN  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ \*SAMFORD  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ MOREHEAD ST.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ \*AUSTIN PEAY  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SE MISSOURI ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ TENN.-MARTIN  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ EASTERN KY.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ MURRAY ST.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ \*TENNESSEE ST.  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE TENN. ST.

## TEXAS SOUTHERN

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ PRAIRIE VIEW  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ ALCORN ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ JACKSON, MISS.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ NEVADA  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CENTRAL ST. (OH)  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ KNOXVILLE  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ SOUTHERN-B.R.  
OCT. 10 \_\_\_\_\_ ALABAMA ST.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ GRAMBLING  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ \*JACKSON ST.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ EAST TEX. ST.  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MISSISSIPPI VAL.

## TOWSON STATE

SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ CENTRAL CONN. ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ DELAWARE ST.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ CHARLESTON SO.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ CONNECTICUT  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ HOWARD  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ BUFFALO  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ \*HOFSTRA  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ DELAWARE  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ BUCKNELL  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MORGAN ST.

## TROY STATE

SEP. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ALA.-BIRMINGHAM  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ \*NORTHWESTERN (LA)

SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ \*NICHOLLS ST.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ \*ALABAMA ST.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ CHARLESTON SO.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ LIBERTY  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ CENTRAL ST. (OHIO)  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ CENTRAL FLA.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ WESTERN KY.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ ALCORN ST.  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SAMFORD

## VIRGINIA MILITARY

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ @ RICHMOND  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ EAST TENN. ST.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ARMY  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ WILLIAM & MARY  
@ NORFOLK, VA.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ \*MARSHALL  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ TENN.-CHATT.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ GA. SOUTHERN  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ FURMAN  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WESTERN CARO.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CITADEL  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ APPALACHIAN ST.

## VALPARAISO

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ST. AMBROSE  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ ST. XAVIER (ILL.)  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MILLIKIN  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ SAN DIEGO  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ BUTLER  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ DRAKE  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ EVANSVILLE  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ DAYTON  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ MICHIGAN TECH  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ \*NORTHERN ARIZ.

## VILLANOVA

SEP. 10 \_\_\_\_\_ NORTHEASTERN  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ FORDHAM  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ RICHMOND  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ BOSTON U.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ CONNECTICUT  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ DELAWARE  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WILLIAM & MARY  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ RHODE ISLAND  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ NEW HAMPSHIRE  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ JAMES MADISON  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ @ LIBERTY

## WAGNER

SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ LIU-C.W. POST  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ ST. JOHN'S (N.Y.)  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ CEN. CONN. ST.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ IONA  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ DUQUESNE  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ PACE  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ ST. FRANCIS (PA.)  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MARIST  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MONMOUTH (N. J.)  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ \*SAN DIEGO

## WEBER STATE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ SONOMA ST.  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ CS-NORTHBRIDGE  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ IDAHO  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MONTANA ST.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ EASTERN WASH.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MONTANA  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ BOISE ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ NEVADA  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ SOUTHERN UTAH  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ NORTHERN ARIZ.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ \*IDAHO ST.

## WESTERN CAROLINA

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ @ KANSAS  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ CITADEL

SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ NO. CAROLINA A&T  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ FURMAN  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ GA. SOUTHERN  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ EAST TENN. ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ TENN.-CHATT.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ NEWBERRY  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ VA. MILITARY  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ APPALACHIAN ST.  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MARSHALL

## WESTERN ILLINOIS

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ MONTANA ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ \*EASTERN MICH.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ \*EASTERN ILL.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ILLINOIS ST.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ SOUTHERN ILL.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CENTRAL FLA.  
OCT. 23/ \_\_\_\_\_ NORTHERN IOWA  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WESTERN KY.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ SW MISSOURI ST.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ ST. AMBROSE  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ @ INDIANA ST.

## WESTERN KENTUCKY

SEP. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ \*EASTERN KY.  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ @ KANSAS ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ \*AUSTIN PEAY  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ ALA.-BIRMINGHAM  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ JACKSONVILLE ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SOUTHERN ILL.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ INDIANA ST.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ WESTERN ILL.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ TROY ST.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ EASTERN ILL.  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ MURRAY ST.

## WILLIAM & MARY

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ @ DELAWARE  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ \*TULANE  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ HARVARD  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ VA. MILITARY  
@ NORFOLK, VA.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ NORTHEASTERN  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ VILLANOVA  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ JAMES MADISON  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MAINE  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MASSACHUSETTS  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ RICHMOND

## YALE

SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ BROWN  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ CONNECTICUT  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CENTRAL FLA.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ HOLY CROSS  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ DARTMOUTH  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ COLUMBIA  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ PENNSYLVANIA  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CORNELL  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ PRINCETON  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ HARVARD

## YOUNGSTOWN STATE

SEP. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ \*WESTERN MICH.  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ \*STEPHEN F. AUSTIN  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ MORGAN ST.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ \*EASTERN KY.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ DELAWARE ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ LIBERTY  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ SAMFORD  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ BUFFALO  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ INDIANA ST.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ILLINOIS ST.  
NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ @ AKRON



## DIVISION II SEASON SCHEDULE

### ABILENE CHRISTIAN

SEP. 4	WESTERN N. MEX.
	@ ODESSA, TEX.
SEP. 11	@ MIDWESTERN ST.
SEP. 18	ADAMS ST.
SEP. 25	*NORTH TEXAS
OCT. 2	EASTERN N. MEX.
OCT. 9	CENTRAL OKLA.
OCT. 16	*ANGELO ST.
OCT. 23	TARLETON ST.
OCT. 30	@ EAST TEX. ST.
NOV. 6	TEX. A&M-KINGS.

### ADAMS STATE

SEP. 11	SW OKLA.
SEP. 18	*ABILENE CHRISTIAN
SEP. 25	*NW OKLA.
OCT. 2	@ CHADRON ST.
OCT. 9	COLORADO MINES
OCT. 16	FORT HAYS ST.
OCT. 23	@ FORT LEWIS
OCT. 30	MESA ST.
NOV. 6	@ N.M. HIGHLANDS
NOV. 13	WESTERN ST.

### ALABAMA A&M

SEP. 4	@ MILES
SEP. 11	@ JACKSONVILLE ST.
SEP. 18	NORTH ALA.
SEP. 25	*SAVANNAH ST.
OCT. 2	MORRIS BROWN
OCT. 9	MOREHOUSE
	@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
OCT. 16	ALBANY ST. (GA.)
	@ YPSILANTI, MICH.
OCT. 23	FORT VALLEY ST.
OCT. 30	ALABAMA ST.
	@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
NOV. 6	@ CLARK ATLANTA
NOV. 13	TUSKEGEE

### ALABAMA STATE (GA)

SEP. 4	*LIVINGSTON
SEP. 11	@ MILES
SEP. 18	@ WEST GA.
SEP. 25	MOREHOUSE
OCT. 2	@ TUSKEGEE
OCT. 9	@ SAVANNAH ST.
OCT. 16	ALABAMA A&M
	@ YPSILANTI, MICH.
OCT. 23	*FLORIDA A&M
OCT. 30	@ CLARK ATLANTA
NOV. 6	MORRIS BROWN
NOV. 13	FORT VALLEY ST.
	@ COLUMBUS, GA.

### AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL

SEP. 11	SPRINGFIELD
SEP. 18	MILLERSVILLE
SEP. 25	@ BLOOMSBURG
OCT. 2	SOUTHERN CONN. ST.
OCT. 9	@ ITHACA
OCT. 16	WAYNE ST. (MICH.)
OCT. 23	*PORTLAND ST.
OCT. 30	NEW HAVEN
NOV. 6	@ E. STROUDSBURG
NOV. 13	@ SPRINGFIELD

### ANGELO STATE

SEP. 4	*PORTLAND ST.
SEP. 11	SOUTHERN UTAH
SEP. 18	N.M. HIGHLANDS
SEP. 25	*SOUTHERN ARK.
OCT. 2	FORT LEWIS
OCT. 9	@ EASTERN N. MEX.
OCT. 16	ABILENE CHRISTIAN
OCT. 23	*CENTRAL OKLA.
NOV. 6	EAST TEX. ST.
NOV. 13	*TEX. A&M-KINGS.

### ASHLAND

SEP. 4	ST. FRANCIS (ILL.)
SEP. 11	@ FERRIS ST.
SEP. 18	@ SLIPPERY ROCK
SEP. 25	HILLSDALE
OCT. 2	@ WAYNE ST. (MICH.)

OCT. 9	SAGINAW VALLEY
OCT. 16	@ ST. JOSEPH'S (IND.)
OCT. 23	GRAND VALLEY ST.
OCT. 30	NORTHWOOD
NOV. 6	@ INDIANAPOLIS
NOV. 13	*NORTHERN MICH.

### AUGUSTANA (S.D.)

SEP. 4	NEB.-KEARNEY
SEP. 11	@ GUST. ADOLPHUS
SEP. 18	@ NORTHERN COLO.
SEP. 25	MANKATO ST.
OCT. 2	@ SOUTH DAK.
OCT. 9	@ ST. CLOUD ST.
OCT. 16	NORTH DAK.
OCT. 23	MORNINGSIDE
OCT. 30	@ SOUTH DAK. ST.
NOV. 6	@ NEB.-OMAHA
NOV. 13	NORTH DAK. ST.

### BEMIDJI STATE

SEP. 11	@ SOUTH DAK.
SEP. 18	@ WAYNE ST. (NEB.)
SEP. 25	MICHIGAN TECH
OCT. 2	@ MINN.-DULUTH
OCT. 9	SOUTH-WEST ST. (MINN.)
OCT. 16	@ MOORHEAD ST.
OCT. 23	WINONA ST.
OCT. 30	@ MINN.-MORRIS
NOV. 6	NORTHERN ST. (S.D.)
NOV. 13	NEB.-KEARNEY
	@ MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

### BLOOMSBURG

SEP. 4	@ BUCKNELL
SEP. 11	SHIPPENSBURG
SEP. 18	@ LOCK HAVEN
SEP. 25	AMERICAN INT'L
OCT. 2	MILLERSVILLE
OCT. 9	@ CLARION
OCT. 16	@ KUTZTOWN
OCT. 23	WEST CHESTER
OCT. 30	@ E. STROUDSBURG
NOV. 6	CHEYNEY
NOV. 13	@ MANSFIELD

### BOWIE STATE

SEP. 4	*N.C. CENTRAL
SEP. 11	HAMPTON
SEP. 18	SOUTHERN CONN. ST.
SEP. 25	@ VIRGINIA ST.
OCT. 2	@ VIRGINIA UNION
OCT. 9	LIVINGSTONE
OCT. 16	@ ELIZABETH CITY ST.
OCT. 23	WINSTON-SALEM
OCT. 30	FAYETTEVILLE ST.
NOV. 6	@ NEW HAVEN

### UC DAVIS

SEP. 11	CAL POLY SLO
SEP. 18	CAL ST. HAYWARD
SEP. 25	*SOUTHERN UTAH
OCT. 2	HUMBOLDT ST.
OCT. 9	*CAL ST. CHICO
OCT. 16	@ SONOMA ST.
OCT. 23	CS-NORTHBRIDGE
OCT. 30	@ ST. MARY'S (CAL.)
NOV. 6	SAN FRAN. ST.
NOV. 13	*CS-SACRAMENTO

### CALIF. (PA)

SEP. 4	@ WEST LIBERTY ST.
SEP. 11	W. VA. WESLEYAN
SEP. 18	FAIRMONT ST.
SEP. 25	@ KUTZTOWN
OCT. 2	E. STROUDSBURG
OCT. 9	@ SLIPPERY ROCK
OCT. 16	INDIANA (PA.)
OCT. 23	@ EDINBORO
OCT. 30	CLARION
NOV. 6	@ LOCK HAVEN
NOV. 13	SHIPPENSBURG

### CAL POLY SLO

SEP. 11	*UC DAVIS
SEP. 18	*HUMBOLDT ST.
SEP. 25	CAL ST. CHICO
OCT. 2	@ SONOMA ST.
OCT. 9	SAN FRAN. ST.

OCT. 16	@ SOUTHERN UTAH
OCT. 23	CS-SACRAMENTO
OCT. 30	*PORTLAND ST.
NOV. 6	CS-NORTHBRIDGE
NOV. 13	@ ST. MARY'S (CAL.)

### CARSON-NEWMAN

SEP. 2	CENTRAL ST. (OHIO)
SEP. 11	CATAWBA
SEP. 25	ELON
OCT. 2	NEW HAVEN
OCT. 9	@ WINGATE
OCT. 16	MARS HILL
OCT. 23	@ GARDNER-WEBB
OCT. 30	LENOIR-RHYNE
NOV. 6	@ HOWARD PAYNE
NOV. 13	@ PRESBYTERIAN

### CATAWBA

SEP. 11	*CARSON-NEWMAN
SEP. 18	MARS HILL
SEP. 25	*WOFFORD
OCT. 2	NEWBERRY
OCT. 9	PRESBYTERIAN
OCT. 16	GARDNER-WEBB
OCT. 23	@ ELON
OCT. 30	@ WEST VA. ST.
NOV. 6	WINGATE
NOV. 13	@ LENOIR-RHYNE

### CENTRAL ARKANSAS

SEP. 4	*EAST TEX. ST.
SEP. 11	*MO. SOUTHERN ST.
SEP. 18	FORT HAYS ST.
SEP. 25	*WEST GA.
OCT. 2	*DELTA ST.
OCT. 9	ARK.-PINE BLUFF
OCT. 16	LIVINGSTON
OCT. 23	NORTH ALA.
OCT. 30	HENDERSON ST.
NOV. 6	*MISSISSIPPI COL.
NOV. 13	*PORTLAND ST.

### CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE

SEP. 4	WIS.-WHITEWATER
SEP. 18	@ NORTHEAST MO. ST.
SEP. 25	WASHBURN
OCT. 2	*MO. WESTERN ST.
OCT. 9	SW BAPTIST
OCT. 16	MO. SOUTHERN ST.
OCT. 23	@ PITTSBURG ST.
OCT. 30	@ EMPORIA ST.
NOV. 6	NW MISSOURI ST.
NOV. 13	@ MISSOURI-ROLLA

### CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

SEP. 4	*MESA ST.
SEP. 11	FORT HAYS ST.
SEP. 18	SOUTHERN UTAH
SEP. 25	*LANGSTON
OCT. 2	@ EAST TEX. ST.
OCT. 9	@ ABILENE CHRISTIAN
OCT. 16	@ TEX. A&M-KINGS.
OCT. 23	ANGELO ST.
NOV. 6	@ NEB.-KEARNEY
NOV. 13	EASTERN N. MEX.

### CHADRON STATE

SEP. 4	*IDAHO ST.
SEP. 11	SOUTH DAK. TECH
SEP. 18	BLACK HILLS ST.
SEP. 25	PERU ST.
	@ BEATRICE, NEB.
OCT. 2	ADAMS ST.
OCT. 9	@ N.M. HIGHLANDS
OCT. 16	@ COLORADO MINES
OCT. 23	WESTERN ST.
OCT. 30	@ FORT HAYS ST.
NOV. 6	FORT LEWIS
NOV. 13	@ MESA ST.

### CHEYNEY

SEP. 4	SOUTHERN CONN. ST.
SEP. 11	@ DELAWARE ST.
SEP. 18	WEST VA. ST.
	@ CHESTER, PA.
SEP. 25	FAYETTEVILLE ST.
OCT. 1	*WEST CHESTER
OCT. 9	E. STROUDSBURG
OCT. 16	@ SLIPPERY ROCK
OCT. 23	@ MANSFIELD
OCT. 30	MILLERSVILLE
NOV. 6	@ BLOOMSBURG
NOV. 13	KUTZTOWN

### CAL STATE CHICO

SEP. 11	WHITTIER
SEP. 25	*CAL POLY SLO
OCT. 2	@ ST. MARY'S (CAL.)
OCT. 9	UC DAVIS
OCT. 16	@ CAL ST. HAYWARD
OCT. 23	SAN FRAN. ST.
OCT. 30	*CS-NORTHBRIDGE
NOV. 6	@ SONOMA ST.
NOV. 13	HUMBOLDT ST.

### CLARION

SEP. 11	WEST CHESTER
SEP. 18	@ NEW HAVEN
SEP. 25	@ WESTMINSTER (PA.)
OCT. 2	EDINBORO
OCT. 9	BLOOMSBURG
OCT. 16	@ LOCK HAVEN
OCT. 23	SHIPPENSBURG
OCT. 30	@ CALIF. (PA.)
NOV. 6	SLIPPERY ROCK
NOV. 13	@ INDIANA (PA.)

### CLARK ATLANTA

SEP. 6	MORRIS BROWN
SEP. 25	*VALDOSTA ST.
OCT. 2	FORT VALLEY ST.
	@ GRIFFIN, GA.
OCT. 9	@ TUSKEGEE
OCT. 16	@ KENTUCKY ST.
OCT. 23	MILES
OCT. 30	ALBANY ST. (GA.)
NOV. 6	ALABAMA A&M
NOV. 13	@ MOREHOUSE

### COLORADO MINES

SEP. 11	DOANE
SEP. 18	@ HASTINGS
SEP. 25	EASTERN N. MEX.
OCT. 2	@ WESTERN ST.
OCT. 9	@ ADAMS ST.
OCT. 16	CHADRON ST.
OCT. 23	FORT HAYS ST.
OCT. 30	@ FORT LEWIS
NOV. 6	MESA ST.
NOV. 13	N.M. HIGHLANDS

### CONCORD (W. VA.)

SEP. 4	*LIBERTY
SEP. 18	ELON
SEP. 25	WEST VA. ST.
OCT. 2	@ FAIRMONT ST.
OCT. 9	WEST VA. TECH
OCT. 16	SHEPHERD
OCT. 23	@ W. LIBERTY ST.
OCT. 30	@ GLENVILLE ST.
NOV. 6	W. VA. WESLEYAN
NOV. 13	@ GA. SOUTHERN

### DELTA STATE

SEP. 11	SW BAPTIST
SEP. 18	HARDING
SEP. 25	*NORTH ALA.
OCT. 2	CENTRAL ARK.
OCT. 9	*HENDERSON ST.

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*"I love what you do for me."*



# TOYOTA

OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ \*EAST TEX. ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ LIVINGSTON  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ VALDOSTA ST.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WEST GA.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ MISSISSIPPI COL.

## EAST STROUDSBURG

SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ @ KUTZTOWN  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ SPRINGFIELD  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SO. CONN. ST.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CALIF. (PA.)  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CHEYNEY  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ MANSFIELD  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MILLERSVILLE  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ BLOOMSBURG  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ AMERICAN INT'L  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ WEST CHESTER

## EAST TEXAS STATE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ CENTRAL ARK.  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ @ NW MISSOURI ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ \*HENDERSON ST.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ \*NORTHWESTERN (LA.)  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ CENTRAL OKLA.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ \*TEX. A&M-KINGS  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ DELTA ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ EASTERN N. MEX.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ ABILENE CHRISTIAN  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ANGELO ST.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ TEXAS SOUTHERN

## EASTERN NEW MEXICO

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ N.M. HIGHLANDS  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ WESTERN ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ \*WESTERN N. MEX.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ COLORADO MINES  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ABILENE CHRISTIAN  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ ANGELO ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ EAST TEX. ST.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ \*TEX. A&M-KINGS  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ WEST TEX. A&M  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CENTRAL OKLA.

## EDINBORO

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ FERRIS ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ELIZABETH CITY ST.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ \*BUFFALO  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CLARION  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ LOCK HAVEN  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SHIPPENSBURG  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ CALIF. (PA.)  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SLIPPERY ROCK  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ INDIANA (PA.)  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ MILLERSVILLE

## ELIZABETH CITY STATE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ WINSTON-SALEM  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ \*FAYETTEVILLE ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ EDINBORO  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ \*NORFOLK ST.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ N.C. CENTRAL  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ VIRGINIA UNION  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ BOWIE ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ VIRGINIA ST.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ HAMPTON  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ LANE

## ELON

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ WEST GA.  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ WEST VA. ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CONCORD (W. VA.)  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CARSON-NEWMAN  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ LENOIR-RHYNE  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ MARS HILL

OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ PRESBYTERIAN  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ CATAWBA  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ GARDNER-WEBB  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WOFFORD  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ WINGATE

## EMPORIA STATE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ \*FORT HAYS ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ SW BAPTIST  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MISSOURI-ROLLA  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ NORTHWEST MO. ST.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ NORTHEAST MO. ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ MO. WESTERN ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MO. SOUTHERN ST.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ CENTRAL MO. ST.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ WASHBURN  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ PITTSBURG ST.

## FAIRMONT STATE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ @ PRESBYTERIAN  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ SLIPPERY ROCK  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CALIF. (PA.)  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ W. VA. WESLEYAN  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ CONCORD (W. VA.)  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WEST VA. ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WEST VA. TECH  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ GLENVILLE ST.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ SHEPHERD  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WEST LIBERTY ST.

## FAYETTEVILLE STATE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ DELAWARE ST.  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ WILMINGTON, DEL.  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ ELIZABETH CITY ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ NORFOLK ST.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CHEYNEY  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ WINSTON-SALEM  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ N.C. CENTRAL  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ VIRGINIA ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ JOHNSON SMITH  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ BOWIE ST.  
NOV. 7 \_\_\_\_\_ @ LIVINGSTONE  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ NEWBERRY

## FERRIS STATE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ @ EDINBORO  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ ASHLAND  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ \*HILLSDALE  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ WAYNE ST. (MICH.)  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ \*NORTHERN MICH.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ FRANCIS (ILL.)  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND VALLEY ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ NORTHWOOD  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ INDIANAPOLIS  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SAGINAW VALLEY  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ST. JOSEPH'S (IND.)

## FORT HAYS STATE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ EMPORIA ST.  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ \*CENTRAL OKLA.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ \*CENTRAL ARK.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ N.M. HIGHLANDS  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ NEB.-KEARNEY  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ MESA ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ADAMS ST.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ COLORADO MINES  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ CHADRON ST.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WESTERN ST.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ FORT LEWIS

## FORT LEWIS

SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ \*WEST TEX. A&M  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MONTANA ST.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ \*MESA ST.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ \*ANGELO ST.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ WESTERN ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ N.M. HIGHLANDS

OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ ADAMS ST.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ COLORADO MINES  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CHADRON ST.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ FORT HAYS ST.

## FORT VALLEY STATE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ \*NORTH ALA.  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MOREHOUSE  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ VALDOSTA ST.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ MORRIS BROWN  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ MACON, GA.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ CLARK ATLANTA  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ GRIFFIN, GA.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ JACKSONVILLE ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ MILES  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ALABAMA A&M  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ TUSKEGEE  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ SAVANNAH ST.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ ALBANY ST. (GA.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ COLUMBUS, GA.

## GARDNER-WEBB

SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ @ LEES-MCRAE  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ \*TENN.-CHATT.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ NEWBERRY  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WINGATE  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ LENOIR-RHYNE  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CATAWBA  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ CARSON-NEWMAN  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ ELON  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ PRESBYTERIAN  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MARS HILL

## GLENVILLE STATE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ \*SAMFORD  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ JOHNSON SMITH  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SHEPHERD  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WEST VA. ST.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ WEST LIBERTY ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ W. VA. WESLEYAN  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ FAIRMONT ST.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ CONCORD (W. VA.)  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WEST VA. TECH

## GRAND VALLEY STATE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ ST. JOSEPH'S (IND.)  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ @ INDIANA (PA.)  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ NORTHWOOD  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ INDIANAPOLIS  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SAGINAW VALLEY  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ NORTHERN MICH.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ FERRIS ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ASHLAND  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ HILLSDALE  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WAYNE ST. (MICH.)  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ ST. FRANCIS (ILL.)

## HAMPTON

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ @ LIVINGSTONE  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ @ BOWIE ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ VIRGINIA UNION  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ GRAMBLING  
\_\_\_\_\_ @ E. RUTHERFORD, N.J.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ JOHNSON SMITH  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ VIRGINIA ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ NORFOLK ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ TUSKEGEE  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ ELIZABETH CITY ST.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MORRIS BROWN

## CAL STATE HAYWARD

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ \*CS-SACRAMENTO  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ST. MARY'S (CAL.)  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ \*UC DAVIS  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ REDLANDS  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ AZUSA-PACIFIC  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ CAL ST. CHICO

OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ SONOMA ST.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SAN FRAN. ST.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ HUMBOLDT ST.

## HENDERSON STATE

SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ \*ARK.-MONTICELLO  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ EAST TEX. ST.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ \*ARK.-PINE BLUFF  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ MISSISSIPPI COL.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ DELTA ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ \*NORTH ALA.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CENTRAL ARK.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ LIVINGSTON  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ VALDOSTA ST.

## HILLSDALE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ SAGINAW VALLEY  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ST. FRANCIS (ILL.)  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ FERRIS ST.  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ \*ASHLAND  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ BUTLER  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ INDIANAPOLIS  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ NORTHERN MICH.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ ST. JOSEPH'S (IND.)  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ GRAND VALLEY ST.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ NORTHWOOD  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WAYNE ST. (MICH.)

## HUMBOLDT STATE

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ ROCKY MOUNTAIN  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ \*WESTERN MONT.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ CAL POLY SLO  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ ST. MARY'S (CAL.)  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ \*UC DAVIS  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ AZUSA-PACIFIC  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ SAN FRAN. ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ \*WESTERN N. MEX.  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ SONOMA ST.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CAL ST. HAYWARD  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ \*CAL ST. CHICO

## INDIANA (PA)

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ KUTZTOWN  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ GRAND VALLEY ST.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WEST CHESTER  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ LIBERTY  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ LOCK HAVEN  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ SHIPPENSBURG  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ CALIF. (PA.)  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ SLIPPERY ROCK  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ @ EDINBORO  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ CLARION

## INDIANAPOLIS

SEP. 4 \_\_\_\_\_ WAYNE ST. (MICH.)  
SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ @ NORTHERN MICH.  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ ST. JOSEPH'S (IND.)  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ GRAND VALLEY ST.  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ NORTHWOOD  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ @ HILLSDALE  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SAGINAW VALLEY  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ ST. FRANCIS (ILL.)  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ FERRIS ST.  
NOV. 6 \_\_\_\_\_ ASHLAND  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ BUTLER

## JACKSONVILLE STATE

SEP. 11 \_\_\_\_\_ ALABAMA A&M  
SEP. 18 \_\_\_\_\_ \*NORTHERN IOWA  
SEP. 25 \_\_\_\_\_ @ JAMES MADISON  
OCT. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ @ WESTERN KY.  
OCT. 9 \_\_\_\_\_ FORT VALLEY ST.  
OCT. 16 \_\_\_\_\_ @ SW MISSOURI ST.  
OCT. 23 \_\_\_\_\_ @ MONTANA  
OCT. 30 \_\_\_\_\_ @ ALCORN ST.  
NOV. 13 \_\_\_\_\_ CENTRAL ST. (OHIO)



**JOHNSON SMITH**

SEP. 4	@ MOREHOUSE
SEP. 11	@ GLENVILLE ST.
SEP. 18	@ BETHUNE-COOKMAN
SEP. 25	N.C. CENTRAL
OCT. 2	HAMPTON
OCT. 9	KENTUCKY ST.
OCT. 16	LIVINGSTONE
OCT. 23	@ FAYETTEVILLE ST.
OCT. 30	@ WINSTON-SALEM
NOV. 6	@ NORFOLK ST.
NOV. 13	@ NO. CARO. A&T

**NEBRASKA-KEARNEY**

SEP. 4	@ AUGUSTANA (S.D.)
SEP. 11	NEBRASKA-OMAHA
SEP. 18	MOORHEAD ST.
SEP. 25	@ WESTERN ST.
OCT. 2	*FORT HAYS ST.
OCT. 9	WAYNE ST. (NEB.)
OCT. 16	PORTLAND ST.
OCT. 30	NORTHERN ST. (S.D.)
NOV. 6	CENTRAL OKLA.
NOV. 13	BEMIDJI ST.
	@ MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

**KENTUCKY STATE**

SEP. 4	*FINDLAY
SEP. 11	CENTRAL ST. (OHIO)
SEP. 18	KNOXVILLE
SEP. 25	*LANE
OCT. 2	MARS HILL
OCT. 9	@ JOHNSON SMITH
OCT. 16	CLARK ATLANTA
OCT. 23	ARK.-PINE BLUFF
OCT. 30	NORFOLK ST.
NOV. 6	@ N.C. CENTRAL
NOV. 13	@ SE MISSOURI ST.

**KUTZTOWN**

SEP. 4	@ INDIANA (PA.)
SEP. 11	E. STROUDSBURG
SEP. 18	@ SHIPPENSBURG
SEP. 25	CALIF. (PA.)
OCT. 2	MANSFIELD
OCT. 9	@ MILLERSVILLE
OCT. 16	BLOOMSBURG
OCT. 23	@ LOCK HAVEN
OCT. 30	@ WEST CHESTER
NOV. 6	SO. CONN. ST.
NOV. 13	@ CHEYNEY

**LANE**

SEP. 4	@ TUSKEGEE
SEP. 11	MISSISSIPPI VAL.
SEP. 25	KENTUCKY ST.
OCT. 2	@ NORFOLK ST.
NOV. 6	@ VIRGINIA ST.
NOV. 13	@ ELIZABETH CITY ST.

**LENOIR-RHYNE**

SEP. 4	GUILFORD
SEP. 11	*NEWBERRY
SEP. 25	PRESBYTERIAN
OCT. 2	@ ELON
OCT. 9	@ GARDNER-WEBB
OCT. 16	WINGATE
OCT. 23	WOFFORD
OCT. 30	@ CARSON-NEWMAN
NOV. 6	@ MARS HILL
NOV. 13	CATAWBA

**LIVINGSTON**

SEP. 4	ALBANY ST. (GA.)
SEP. 11	NICHOLLS ST.
SEP. 18	*STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
SEP. 25	*MISSISSIPPI COL.
OCT. 2	*VALDOSTA ST.
OCT. 9	WEST GA.
OCT. 16	*CENTRAL ARK.
OCT. 23	DELTA ST.
OCT. 30	@ NORTH ALA.
NOV. 6	HENDERSON ST.

**LIVINGSTONE**

SEP. 4	HAMPTON
SEP. 11	VIRGINIA UNION
SEP. 18	@ CENTRAL ST. (OH)
SEP. 25	WINSTON-SALEM

OCT. 2	VIRGINIA ST.
OCT. 9	@ BOWIE ST.
OCT. 16	@ JOHNSON SMITH
OCT. 23	SAVANNAH ST.
OCT. 31	@ N.C. CENTRAL
NOV. 7	FAYETTEVILLE ST.
NOV. 13	@ KNOXVILLE

**LOCK HAVEN**

SEP. 4	*JAMES MADISON
SEP. 11	*TENNESSEE TECH
SEP. 18	BLOOMSBURG
SEP. 25	@ MANSFIELD
OCT. 2	INDIANA (PA.)
OCT. 9	@ EDINBORO
OCT. 16	CLARION
OCT. 23	KUTZTOWN
OCT. 30	@ SHIPPENSBURG
NOV. 6	CALIF. (PA.)
NOV. 13	@ SLIPPERY ROCK

**MANKATO STATE**

SEP. 4	NORTHWEST MO. ST.
SEP. 11	*NORTHEAST MO. ST.
SEP. 18	@ SOUTH DAK.
SEP. 25	@ AUGUSTANA (S.D.)
OCT. 2	NORTH DAK. ST.
OCT. 9	@ NORTH DAK.
OCT. 16	MORNINGSIDE
OCT. 23	NORTHERN COLO.
OCT. 30	@ ST. CLOUD ST.
NOV. 6	SOUTH DAK. ST.
NOV. 13	NEB.-OMAHA

**MANSFIELD**

SEP. 4	@ CORTLAND ST.
SEP. 11	BUFFALO ST.
SEP. 25	LOCK HAVEN
OCT. 2	@ KUTZTOWN
OCT. 9	WEST CHESTER
OCT. 16	@ E. STROUDSBURG
OCT. 23	CHEYNEY
OCT. 30	@ FERRUM
NOV. 6	@ MILLERSVILLE
NOV. 13	BLOOMSBURG

**MARS HILL**

SEP. 4	TUSCULUM
SEP. 11	*EAST TENN. ST.
SEP. 18	@ CATAWBA
SEP. 25	WINGATE
OCT. 2	*KENTUCKY ST.
OCT. 9	@ ELON
OCT. 16	@ CARSON-NEWMAN
OCT. 23	@ PRESBYTERIAN
NOV. 6	LENOIR-RHYNE
NOV. 13	GARDNER-WEBB

**MESA STATE**

SEP. 4	CENTRAL OKLA.
SEP. 11	@ NORTHERN COLO.
SEP. 25	FORT LEWIS
OCT. 2	*IDAHO ST.
OCT. 9	@ FORT HAYS ST.
OCT. 16	@ WESTERN ST.
OCT. 23	N.M. HIGHLANDS
OCT. 30	@ ADAMS ST.
NOV. 6	@ COLORADO MINES
NOV. 13	CHADRON ST.

**MICHIGAN TECH**

SEP. 4	@ WIS.-STEVENS PT.
SEP. 11	NORTHERN ST. (S.D.)
SEP. 18	MINN.-MORRIS
SEP. 25	@ BEMIDJI ST.
OCT. 2	WINONA ST.
OCT. 9	@ MINN.-DULUTH
OCT. 23	@ SAGINAW VALLEY
OCT. 30	WAYNE ST. (NEB.)
NOV. 6	@ VALPARAISO
NOV. 12	SOUTHWEST ST. (MN)
	@ MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

**MILES**

SEP. 4	ALABAMA A&M
SEP. 11	ALBANY ST. (GA.)
SEP. 18	@ MOREHOUSE
SEP. 25	TUSKEGEE
OCT. 2	ALA.-BIRMINGHAM

OCT. 9	@ MORRIS BROWN
OCT. 16	@ FORT VALLEY ST.
OCT. 23	@ CLARK ATLANTA
OCT. 30	@ KNOXVILLE
NOV. 13	SAVANNAH ST.

**MILLERSVILLE**

SEP. 11	SHEPHERD
SEP. 18	@ AMERICAN INT'L
SEP. 25	SHIPPENSBURG
OCT. 2	@ BLOOMSBURG
OCT. 9	KUTZTOWN
OCT. 16	@ WEST CHESTER
OCT. 23	E. STROUDSBURG
OCT. 30	@ CHEYNEY
NOV. 6	MANSFIELD
NOV. 13	@ EDINBORO

**MINNESOTA-DULUTH**

SEP. 4	*WIS.-EAU CLAIRE
SEP. 11	@ ST. CLOUD ST.
SEP. 18	WIS.-STOUT
SEP. 25	@ NORTHERN ST. (S.D.)
OCT. 2	BEMIDJI ST.
OCT. 9	MICHIGAN TECH
OCT. 16	@ SOUTH-WEST ST. (MN)
OCT. 23	MOORHEAD ST.
OCT. 30	@ WINONA ST.
NOV. 6	MINN.-MORRIS
NOV. 13	WAYNE ST. (NEB.)
	@ MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

**MINNESOTA-MORRIS**

SEP. 4	WIS.-RIVER FALLS
SEP. 11	WIS.-STEVENS PT.
SEP. 18	@ MICHIGAN TECH
SEP. 25	SOUTHWEST ST. (MN)
OCT. 2	@ MOORHEAD ST.
OCT. 9	WINONA ST.
OCT. 16	TEIKYO WESTMAR
OCT. 23	@ NORTHERN ST. (S.D.)
OCT. 30	BEMIDJI ST.
NOV. 6	@ MINN.-DULUTH
NOV. 12	NORTHERN ST. (S.D.)
	@ MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

**MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE**

SEP. 4	ARK.-MONTICELLO
SEP. 11	*TEX. A&M-KINGS.
SEP. 25	LIVINGSTON
OCT. 2	*HENDERSON ST.
OCT. 9	NORTH ALA.
OCT. 16	@ SAMFORD
OCT. 23	@ VALDOSTA ST.
OCT. 30	WEST GA.
NOV. 6	CENTRAL ARK.
NOV. 13	@ DELTA ST.

**MISSOURI-ROLLA**

SEP. 11	IOWA WESLEYAN
SEP. 18	*WASHBURN
SEP. 25	EMPORIA ST.
OCT. 2	SW BAPTIST
OCT. 9	*PITTSBURG ST.
OCT. 16	NW MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 23	@ NE MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 30	MO. WESTERN ST.
NOV. 6	@ MO. SOUTHERN ST.
NOV. 13	CENTRAL MO. ST.

**MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE**

SEP. 11	CENTRAL ARK.
SEP. 18	PITTSBURG ST.
SEP. 25	@ SW BAPTIST
OCT. 2	NORTHEAST MO. ST.
OCT. 9	*MO. WESTERN ST.
OCT. 16	@ CENTRAL MO. ST.
OCT. 23	EMPORIA ST.
OCT. 30	@ WASHBURN
NOV. 6	MISSOURI-ROLLA
NOV. 13	@ NW MISSOURI ST.

**MISSOURI WESTERN STATE**

SEP. 4	@ SOUTHWEST ST. (MN)
SEP. 11	FRIENDS
SEP. 18	NORTHWEST MO. ST.
SEP. 25	*PITTSBURG ST.
OCT. 2	CENTRAL MO. ST.
OCT. 9	MO. SOUTHERN ST.
OCT. 16	@ EMPORIA ST.
OCT. 23	WASHBURN
OCT. 30	@ MISSOURI-ROLLA
NOV. 6	SW BAPTIST
NOV. 13	@ NE MISSOURI ST.

**MOORHEAD STATE**

SEP. 11	@ CONCORDIA-MHEAD
SEP. 18	@ NEB.-KEARNEY
SEP. 25	@ WINONA ST.
OCT. 2	MINN.-MORRIS
OCT. 9	@ NORTHERN ST. (S.D.)
OCT. 16	BEMIDJI ST.
OCT. 23	@ MINN.-DULUTH
OCT. 30	SOUTHWEST ST. (MN)
NOV. 6	*NORTHERN IOWA
NOV. 12	WINONA ST.
	@ MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

**MOREHOUSE**

SEP. 4	JOHNSON SMITH
SEP. 11	FORT VALLEY ST.
SEP. 18	MILES
SEP. 25	@ ALBANY ST. (GA.)
OCT. 2	LANE
OCT. 9	ALABAMA A&M
	@ BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
OCT. 16	TUSKEGEE
	@ COLUMBUS, GA.
OCT. 23	@ MORRIS BROWN
OCT. 30	@ HOWARD
NOV. 6	LANE
NOV. 13	CLARK ATLANTA

**MORNINGSIDE**

SEP. 4	NORTHWESTERN IA.
SEP. 11	*WAYNE ST. (N)
SEP. 18	@ NORTH DAK.
SEP. 25	*NORTH DAK. ST.
OCT. 2	SOUTH DAK. ST.
OCT. 9	NEBRASKA-OMAHA
OCT. 16	@ MANKATO ST.
OCT. 23	@ AUGUSTANA (S.D.)
OCT. 30	SOUTH DAK.
NOV. 6	ST. CLOUD ST.
NOV. 13	@ NORTHERN COLO.

**MORRIS BROWN**

SEP. 6	@ CLARK ATLANTA
SEP. 18	TUSKEGEE
SEP. 25	FORT VALLEY ST.
	@ MACON, GA.
OCT. 2	@ ALABAMA A&M
OCT. 9	MILES
OCT. 16	@ SAVANNAH ST.
OCT. 23	MOREHOUSE
NOV. 6	@ ALBANY ST. (GA.)
NOV. 13	HAMPTON

**NEBRASKA-OMAHA**

SEP. 4	WAYNE ST. (NEB.)
SEP. 11	*NEB.-KEARNEY
SEP. 18	*NORTH DAK. ST.
SEP. 25	SOUTH DAK.
OCT. 2	ST. CLOUD ST.
OCT. 9	@ MORNINGSIDE
OCT. 16	@ SOUTH DAK. ST.
OCT. 23	NORTH DAK.
OCT. 30	@ NORTHERN COLO.
NOV. 6	AUGUSTANA (S.D.)
NOV. 13	@ MANKATO ST.

 **TOYOTA**  
*"I love what you do for me."*



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## NEW HAVEN

SEP. 4	WEST CHESTER
SEP. 11	*BUFFALO
SEP. 18	CLARION
SEP. 24	*SPRINGFIELD
OCT. 2	@ CARSON-NEWMAN
OCT. 16	VIRGINIA UNION
OCT. 22	*SO. CONN. ST.
OCT. 30	@ AMERICAN INT'L
NOV. 6	BOWIE ST.
NOV. 13	SHEPHERD

## NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS

SEP. 4	*EASTERN N. MEX.
SEP. 11	WESTERN N. MEX.
SEP. 18	*ANGELO ST.
SEP. 25	@ FORT HAYS ST.
OCT. 9	CHADRON ST.
OCT. 16	@ FORT LEWIS
OCT. 23	*MESA ST.
OCT. 30	WESTERN ST.
NOV. 6	ADAMS ST.
NOV. 13	@ COLORADO MINES

## NEWBERRY

SEP. 4	SOUTH CARO. ST.
SEP. 11	LENOIR-RHYNE
SEP. 18	PRESBYTERIAN
SEP. 25	@ GARDNER-WEBB
OCT. 2	@ CATAWBA
OCT. 9	CHARLESTON SO.
OCT. 16	*WOFFORD
OCT. 30	@ WESTERN CARO.
NOV. 6	LEES-MCRAE
NOV. 13	@ FAYETTEVILLE ST.

## NORFOLK STATE

SEP. 4	VIRGINIA ST.
SEP. 11	*N.C. CENTRAL
SEP. 18	*FAYETTEVILLE ST.
SEP. 25	ELIZABETH CITY ST.
OCT. 2	LANE
OCT. 9	*WINSTON-SALEM
OCT. 16	HAMPTON
OCT. 23	@ VIRGINIA UNION
OCT. 30	@ KENTUCKY ST.
NOV. 6	JOHNSON SMITH
NOV. 13	BETHUNE-COOKMAN

## NORTH ALABAMA

SEP. 4	FORT VALLEY ST.
SEP. 18	*ALABAMA A&M
SEP. 25	DELTA ST.
OCT. 2	*PORTLAND ST.
OCT. 9	@ MISSISSIPPI COL.
OCT. 16	HENDERSON ST.
OCT. 23	@ CENTRAL ARK.
OCT. 30	LIVINGSTON
NOV. 6	*VALDOSTA ST.
NOV. 13	WEST GA.

## NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL

SEP. 4	BOWIE ST.
SEP. 11	NORFOLK ST.
SEP. 18	@ VIRGINIA ST.
SEP. 25	*JOHNSON SMITH
OCT. 2	*ELIZABETH CITY ST.
OCT. 9	FAYETTEVILLE ST.
OCT. 16	*WINSTON-SALEM
OCT. 23	@ SOUTH CARO. ST.
OCT. 31	LIVINGSTONE
NOV. 6	KENTUCKY ST.
NOV. 13	@ VIRGINIA UNION

## NORTH DAKOTA

SEP. 11	SO. CONN. ST.
SEP. 18	MORNINGSIDE

SEP. 25	@ ST. CLOUD ST.
OCT. 2	NORTHERN COLO.
OCT. 9	MANKATO ST.
OCT. 16	@ AUGUSTANA (S.D.)
OCT. 23	*NEBRASKA-OMAHA
OCT. 30	NORTH DAK. ST.
NOV. 6	SOUTH DAK.
NOV. 13	@ SOUTH DAK. ST.

## NORTH DAKOTA STATE

SEP. 4	PITTSBURG ST.
SEP. 18	NEBRASKA-OMAHA
SEP. 25	MORNINGSIDE
OCT. 2	@ MANKATO ST.
OCT. 9	@ SOUTH DAK. ST.
OCT. 16	SOUTH DAK.
OCT. 23	@ ST. CLOUD ST.
OCT. 30	@ NORTH DAK.
NOV. 6	NORTHERN COLO.
NOV. 13	@ AUGUSTANA (S.D.)

## NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE

SEP. 4	*IOWA WESLEYAN
SEP. 11	MANKATO ST.
SEP. 18	CENTRAL MO. ST.
SEP. 25	@ NW MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 2	@ MO. SOUTHERN ST.
OCT. 9	EMPORIA ST.
OCT. 16	@ WASHBURN
OCT. 23	MISSOURI-ROLLA
OCT. 30	@ SW BAPTIST
NOV. 6	PITTSBURG ST.
NOV. 13	MO. WESTERN ST.

## NORTHERN COLORADO

SEP. 4	@ WESTERN ST.
SEP. 11	MESA ST.
SEP. 18	AUGUSTANA (S.D.)
SEP. 25	SOUTH DAK. ST.
OCT. 2	@ NORTH DAK.
OCT. 9	@ SOUTH DAK.
OCT. 16	ST. CLOUD ST.
OCT. 23	@ MANKATO ST.
OCT. 30	NEBRASKA-OMAHA
NOV. 6	*NORTH DAK. ST.
NOV. 13	MORNINGSIDE

## NORTHERN MICHIGAN

SEP. 4	@ NORTHWOOD
SEP. 11	INDIANAPOLIS
SEP. 18	@ SAGINAW VALLEY
SEP. 25	*ST. FRANCIS (ILL.)
OCT. 2	FERRIS ST.
OCT. 9	@ GRAND VALLEY ST.
OCT. 16	HILLSDALE
OCT. 23	@ WAYNE ST. (MICH.)
NOV. 6	ST. JOSEPH'S (IND.)
NOV. 13	ASHLAND

## NORTHERN STATE (S.D.)

SEP. 4	@ SOUTH DAK.
SEP. 11	@ MICHIGAN TECH
SEP. 18	MINOT ST.
SEP. 25	MINN.-DULUTH
OCT. 2	@ SOUTHWEST ST.(MN)
OCT. 9	MOORHEAD ST.
OCT. 16	@ WINONA ST.
OCT. 23	MINN.-MORRIS
OCT. 30	@ NEB.-KEARNEY
NOV. 6	@ BECIDJI ST.
NOV. 12	MINN.-MORRIS
	@ MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

## NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

SEP. 4	*MANKATO ST.
SEP. 11	EAST TEX. ST.
SEP. 18	*MO. WESTERN ST.
SEP. 25	NORTHEAST MO. ST.

OCT. 2	@ EMPORIA ST.
OCT. 9	WASHBURN
OCT. 16	@ MISSOURI-ROLLA
OCT. 23	SW BAPTIST
OCT. 30	*PITTSBURG ST.
NOV. 6	@ CENTRAL MO. ST.
NOV. 13	MO. SOUTHERN ST.

## NORTHWOOD

SEP. 4	NORTHERN MICH.
SEP. 11	@ ST. JOSEPH'S (IND.)
SEP. 18	GRAND VALLEY ST.
SEP. 25	FINDLAY
OCT. 2	@ INDIANAPOLIS
OCT. 9	WAYNE ST. (MICH.)
OCT. 16	@ ST. FRANCIS (ILL.)
OCT. 23	FERRIS ST.
OCT. 30	@ ASHLAND
NOV. 6	@ HILLSDALE
NOV. 13	SAGINAW VALLEY

## PITTSBURG STATE

SEP. 4	*NORTH DAK. ST.
SEP. 18	*MO. SOUTHERN ST.
SEP. 25	MO. WESTERN ST.
OCT. 2	*WASHBURN
OCT. 9	MISSOURI-ROLLA
OCT. 16	@ SW BAPTIST
OCT. 23	CENTRAL MO. ST.
OCT. 30	NORTHWEST MO. ST.
NOV. 6	@ NORTHEAST MO. ST.
NOV. 13	EMPORIA ST.

## PORTLAND STATE

SEP. 4	ANGELO ST.
SEP. 11	IDAHO ST.
SEP. 18	*TEX. A&M-KINGS.
OCT. 2	NORTH ALA.
OCT. 9	@ EASTERN WASH.
OCT. 16	@ NEB.-KEARNEY
OCT. 23	AMERICAN INT'L
OCT. 30	CAL POLY SLO
NOV. 6	@ SOUTHERN UTAH
NOV. 13	CENTRAL ARK.

## PRESBYTERIAN

SEP. 4	FAIRMONT ST.
SEP. 11	@ CHARLESTON SO.
SEP. 18	*NEWBERRY
SEP. 25	*LENOIR-RHYNE
OCT. 2	WOFFORD
OCT. 9	@ CATAWBA
OCT. 16	ELON
OCT. 23	MARS HILL
OCT. 30	@ WINGATE
NOV. 6	@ GARDNER-WEBB
NOV. 13	CARSON-NEWMAN

## SAGINAW VALLEY

SEP. 4	*HILLSDALE
SEP. 11	WAYNE ST. (MICH.)
SEP. 18	NORTHERN MICH.
SEP. 25	@ ST. JOSEPH'S (IND.)
OCT. 2	GRAND VALLEY ST.
OCT. 9	@ ASHLAND
OCT. 16	INDIANAPOLIS
OCT. 23	MICHIGAN TECH
OCT. 30	@ ST. FRANCIS (ILL.)
NOV. 6	FERRIS ST.
NOV. 13	@ NORTHWOOD

## ST. CLOUD STATE

SEP. 11	MINN.-DULUTH
SEP. 18	@ SOUTH DAK. ST.
SEP. 25	NORTH DAK.
OCT. 2	*NEBRASKA-OMAHA
OCT. 9	AUGUSTANA (S.D.)
OCT. 16	@ NORTHERN COLO.

OCT. 23	NORTH DAK. ST.
OCT. 30	MANKATO ST.
NOV. 6	@ MORNINGSIDE
NOV. 13	@ SOUTH DAK.

## ST. FRANCIS (ILL.)

SEP. 4	@ ASHLAND
SEP. 11	HILLSDALE
SEP. 18	@ WAYNE ST. (MICH.)
SEP. 25	NORTHERN MICH.
OCT. 2	ST. JOSEPH'S (IND.)
OCT. 9	@ FERRIS ST.
OCT. 16	NORTHWOOD
OCT. 23	@ INDIANAPOLIS
OCT. 30	SAGINAW VALLEY
NOV. 6	CENTRAL ST. (OHIO)
NOV. 13	@ GRAND VALLEY ST.

## ST. JOSEPH'S (IND.)

SEP. 4	@ GRAND VALLEY ST.
SEP. 11	NORTHWOOD
SEP. 18	@ INDIANAPOLIS
SEP. 25	SAGINAW VALLEY
OCT. 2	@ ST. FRANCIS (ILL.)
OCT. 16	ASHLAND
OCT. 23	@ HILLSDALE
OCT. 30	WAYNE ST. (MICH.)
NOV. 6	@ NORTHERN MICH.
NOV. 13	FERRIS ST.

## SAN FRANCISCO STATE

SEP. 4	ST. MARY'S (CAL.)
SEP. 11	CS-SACRAMENTO
SEP. 18	@ MENLO
SEP. 25	WESTERN N. MEX.
OCT. 9	*CAL POLY SLO
OCT. 16	@ HUMBOLDT ST.
OCT. 23	@ CAL ST. CHICO
OCT. 30	CAL ST. HAYWARD
NOV. 6	*UC DAVIS
NOV. 13	SONOMA ST.

## SAVANNAH STATE

SEP. 4	@ GA. SOUTHERN
SEP. 11	@ TUSKEGEE
SEP. 25	ALABAMA A&M
OCT. 2	@ MOREHOUSE
OCT. 9	ALBANY ST. (GA.)
OCT. 16	MORRIS BROWN
OCT. 23	@ LIVINGSTONE
NOV. 6	@ FORT VALLEY ST.
NOV. 13	@ MILES

## SHEPHERD

SEP. 4	SHIPPENSBURG
SEP. 11	*MILLERSVILLE
SEP. 25	GLENNVILLE ST.
OCT. 2	WEST LIBERTY ST.
OCT. 9	@ W. VA. WESLEYAN
OCT. 16	@ CONCORD (W. VA)
OCT. 23	WEST VA. TECH
OCT. 30	@ FAIRMONT ST.
NOV. 6	WEST VA. ST.
NOV. 13	@ NEW HAVEN

## SHIPPENSBURG

SEP. 4	@ SHEPHERD
SEP. 11	@ BLOOMSBURG
SEP. 18	KUTZTOWN
SEP. 25	*MILLERSVILLE
OCT. 2	SLIPPERY ROCK
OCT. 9	@ INDIANA (PA.)
OCT. 16	EDINBORO
OCT. 23	@ CLARION
OCT. 30	LOCK HAVEN
NOV. 6	WEST CHESTER
NOV. 13	@ CALIF. (PA.)



## SLIPPERY ROCK

SEP. 4	@ W. VA. WESLEYAN
SEP. 11	@ FAIRMONT ST.
SEP. 18	ASHLAND
OCT. 2	@ SHIPPENSBURG
OCT. 9	CALIF. (PA.)
OCT. 16	CHEYNEY
OCT. 23	@ INDIANA (PA.)
OCT. 30	EDINBORO
NOV. 6	@ CLARION
NOV. 13	LOCK HAVEN

## SONOMA STATE

SEP. 4	*WEBER ST.
SEP. 18	ST. MARY'S (CAL.)
SEP. 25	*CS-NORTHBRIDGE
OCT. 2	CAL POLY SLO
OCT. 16	UC DAVIS
OCT. 23	@ CS-HAYWARD
OCT. 30	*HUMBOLDT ST.
NOV. 6	CAL ST. CHICO
NOV. 13	@ SAN FRAN. ST.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

SEP. 4	NORTHERN ST. (S.D.)
SEP. 11	BEMIDJI ST.
SEP. 18	MANKATO ST.
SEP. 25	*NEBRASKA-OMAHA
OCT. 2	AUGUSTANA (S.D.)
OCT. 9	NORTHERN COLO.
OCT. 16	@ NORTH DAK. ST.
OCT. 23	SOUTH DAK. ST.
OCT. 30	@ MORNINGSIDE
NOV. 6	@ NORTH DAK.
NOV. 13	ST. CLOUD ST.

## SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

SEP. 4	@ MONTANA
SEP. 11	SOUTHWEST ST. (MN)
SEP. 18	ST. CLOUD ST.
SEP. 25	@ NORTHERN COLO.
OCT. 2	@ MORNINGSIDE
OCT. 9	NORTH DAK. ST.
OCT. 16	NEBRASKA-OMAHA
OCT. 23	@ SOUTH DAK.
OCT. 30	AUGUSTANA (S.D.)
NOV. 6	@ MANKATO ST.
NOV. 13	NORTH DAK.

## SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE

SEP. 4	@ CHEYNEY
SEP. 11	@ NORTH DAK.
SEP. 18	BOWIE ST.
SEP. 25	E. STROUDSBURG
OCT. 2	@ AMERICAN INT'L
OCT. 8	SPRINGFIELD
OCT. 16	ROWAN
OCT. 22	NEW HAVEN
OCT. 30	CENTRAL CONN. ST.
NOV. 6	@ KUTZTOWN
NOV. 13	CORTLAND ST.

## SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

SEP. 4	OUACHITA BAPT.
SEP. 11	@ DELTA ST.
SEP. 18	*EMPORIA ST.
SEP. 25	MO. SOUTHERN ST.
OCT. 2	@ MISSOURI-ROLLA
OCT. 9	@ CENTRAL MO. ST.
OCT. 16	PITTSBURG ST.
OCT. 23	@ NW MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 30	NORTHEAST MO. ST.
NOV. 6	@ MO. WESTERN ST.
NOV. 13	WASHBURN

## SOUTHWEST STATE (MINN.)

SEP. 4	MO. WESTERN ST.
SEP. 11	@ SOUTH DAK. ST.
SEP. 25	@ MINN.-MORRIS
OCT. 2	NORTHERN ST. (S.D.)
OCT. 9	@ BEMIDJI ST.
OCT. 16	MINN.-DULUTH
OCT. 23	WAYNE ST. (NEB.)
OCT. 30	@ MOORHEAD ST.
NOV. 6	WINONA ST.
NOV. 12	MICHIGAN TECH
	@ MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

## SPRINGFIELD

SEP. 11	@ AMERICAN INT'L
SEP. 18	@ E. STROUDSBURG

SEP. 24	NEW HAVEN
OCT. 2	ITHACA
OCT. 8	*SOUTHERN CONN. ST.
OCT. 16	@ CENTRAL CONN. ST.
OCT. 23	CORTLAND ST.
OCT. 30	@ LIU-C.W. POST
NOV. 6	TRENTON ST.
NOV. 13	AMERICAN INT'L

## A&M-KINGSVILLE

SEP. 4	*SOUTHWEST TEX. ST.
SEP. 11	MISSISSIPPI COL.
SEP. 18	PORTLAND ST.
SEP. 25	*SAM HOUSTON ST.
OCT. 2	@ CENTRAL ST. (OHIO)
OCT. 9	EAST TEX. ST.
OCT. 16	*CENTRAL OKLA.
OCT. 30	EASTERN N. MEX.
NOV. 6	@ ABILENE CHRISTIAN
NOV. 13	ANGELO ST.

## TUSKEGEE

SEP. 4	LANE
SEP. 11	SAVANNAH ST.
SEP. 18	@ MORRIS BROWN
SEP. 25	@ MILES
OCT. 2	ALBANY ST. (GA.)
OCT. 9	CLARK ATLANTA
OCT. 16	MOREHOUSE
	@ COLUMBUS, GA.
OCT. 23	@ HAMPTON
OCT. 30	FORT VALLEY ST.
NOV. 13	@ ALABAMA A&M

## VALDOSTA STATE

SEP. 2	MT. SENARIO
SEP. 11	@ CENTRAL FLA.
SEP. 18	*FORT VALLEY ST.
SEP. 25	CLARK ATLANTA
OCT. 2	LIVINGSTON
OCT. 9	TARLETON ST.
OCT. 16	*WEST GA.
OCT. 23	MISSISSIPPI COL.
OCT. 30	*DELTA ST.
NOV. 6	NORTH ALA.
NOV. 13	@ HENDERSON ST.

## VIRGINIA STATE

SEP. 4	*NORFOLK ST.
SEP. 11	@ W. LIBERTY ST.
SEP. 18	N.C. CENTRAL
SEP. 25	BOWIE ST.
OCT. 2	@ LIVINGSTONE
OCT. 9	@ HAMPTON
OCT. 16	FAYETTEVILLE ST.
OCT. 23	ELIZABETH CITY ST.
OCT. 30	VIRGINIA UNION
NOV. 13	@ WINSTON-SALEM

## VIRGINIA UNION

SEP. 4	@ HOWARD
SEP. 11	@ LIVINGSTONE
SEP. 18	*HAMPTON
OCT. 2	BOWIE ST.
OCT. 9	ELIZABETH CITY ST.
OCT. 16	@ NEW HAVEN
OCT. 23	NORFOLK ST.
OCT. 30	@ VIRGINIA ST.
NOV. 6	WINSTON-SALEM
NOV. 13	N.C. CENTRAL

## WASHBURN

SEP. 11	@ SOUTHERN ILL.
SEP. 18	MISSOURI-ROLLA
SEP. 25	@ CENTRAL MO. ST.
OCT. 2	PITTSBURG ST.
OCT. 9	@ NW MISSOURI ST.
OCT. 16	NORTHEAST MO. ST.
OCT. 23	@ MO. WESTERN ST.
OCT. 30	MO. SOUTHERN ST.
NOV. 6	@ EMPORIA ST.
NOV. 13	@ SOUTHWEST BAPTIST

## WAYNE STATE (MICH.)

SEP. 4	@ INDIANAPOLIS
SEP. 11	@ SAGINAW VALLEY
SEP. 18	ST. FRANCIS (ILL.)
SEP. 25	@ FERRIS ST.
OCT. 2	ASHLAND
OCT. 9	@ NORTHWOOD
OCT. 16	@ AMERICAN INT'L
OCT. 23	NORTHERN MICH.

OCT. 30	@ ST. JOSEPH'S (IND.)
NOV. 6	GRAND VALLEY ST.
NOV. 13	HILLSDALE

## WAYNE STATE (NEB.)

SEP. 4	@ NEBRASKA-OMAHA
SEP. 11	MORNINGSIDE
SEP. 18	BEMIDJI ST.
SEP. 25	*MAYVILLE ST.
OCT. 2	IOWA WESLEYAN
OCT. 9	@ NEB.-KEARNEY
OCT. 23	@ SOUTH-WEST ST. (MN)
OCT. 30	@ MICHIGAN TECH
NOV. 6	PERU ST.
NOV. 13	MINN.-DULUTH
	@ MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

## WEST CHESTER

SEP. 4	@ NEW HAVEN
SEP. 11	@ CLARION
SEP. 18	INDIANA (PA.)
SEP. 25	@ DELAWARE
OCT. 1	CHEYNEY
OCT. 9	@ MANSFIELD
OCT. 16	MILLERSVILLE
OCT. 23	@ BLOOMSBURG
OCT. 30	KUTZTOWN
NOV. 6	@ SHIPPENSBURG
NOV. 13	@ E. STROUDSBURG

## WEST GEORGIA

SEP. 4	*ELON
SEP. 11	*TENN.-MARTIN
SEP. 18	ALBANY ST. (GA.)
SEP. 25	CENTRAL ARK.
OCT. 2	HARDING
OCT. 9	*LIVINGSTON
OCT. 16	VALDOSTA ST.
OCT. 30	*MISSISSIPPI COL.
NOV. 6	DELTA ST.
NOV. 13	@ NORTH ALA.

## WEST LIBERTY STATE

SEP. 4	CALIF. (PA.)
SEP. 11	VIRGINIA ST.
SEP. 25	WEST VA. TECH
OCT. 2	@ SHEPHERD
OCT. 9	@ GLENVILLE ST.
OCT. 16	WEST VA. ST.
OCT. 23	CONCORD (W. VA.)
OCT. 30	@ W. VA. WESLEYAN
NOV. 6	FAIRMONT ST.
NOV. 13	@ FINDLAY

## WEST TEXAS A&M

SEP. 11	FORT LEWIS
SEP. 18	PANHANDLE ST.
SEP. 25	@ SW OKLA.
OCT. 2	MIDWESTERN ST.
OCT. 9	@ PRAIRIE VIEW
OCT. 16	@ SE OKLA.
OCT. 30	TARLETON ST.
NOV. 6	@ EASTERN N. MEX.
NOV. 13	@ WESTERN N. MEX.

## WEST VIRGINIA STATE

SEP. 4	WEST VA. TECH
	@ CHARLESTON, W.V.
SEP. 11	*ELON
SEP. 18	CHEYNEY
	@ CHESTER, PA.
SEP. 25	@ CONCORD (W. VA.)
OCT. 2	GLENVILLE ST.
OCT. 9	FAIRMONT ST.
OCT. 16	@ WEST LIBERTY ST.
OCT. 23	@ W. VA. WESLEYAN
OCT. 30	CATAWBA
NOV. 6	@ SHEPHERD

## WEST VIRGINIA TECH

SEP. 4	WEST VA. ST.
	@ CHARLESTON, W.V.
SEP. 11	TIFFIN
SEP. 18	*MOREHEAD ST.

SEP. 25	@ WEST LIBERTY ST.
OCT. 2	WEST VA. WESLEYAN
OCT. 9	@ CONCORD (W. VA.)
OCT. 16	FAIRMONT ST.
OCT. 23	@ SHEPHERD
NOV. 6	GLENVILLE ST.
NOV. 13	@ INDIANA ST.

## WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN

SEP. 4	SLIPPERY ROCK
SEP. 11	@ CALIF. (PA.)
SEP. 25	@ FAIRMONT ST.
OCT. 2	@ WEST VA. TECH
OCT. 9	SHEPHERD
OCT. 16	@ GLENVILLE ST.
OCT. 23	WEST VA. ST.
OCT. 30	WEST LIBERTY ST.
NOV. 6	@ CONCORD (W. VA.)
NOV. 13	GENEVA

## WESTERN STATE

SEP. 4	NORTHERN COLO.
SEP. 11	*EASTERN N. MEX.
SEP. 18	@ WESTERN MONT.
SEP. 25	NEB.-KEARNEY
OCT. 2	COLORADO MINES
OCT. 9	@ FORT LEWIS
OCT. 16	MESA ST.
OCT. 23	@ CHADRON ST.
OCT. 30	@ N.M. HIGHLANDS
NOV. 6	FORT HAYS ST.
NOV. 13	@ ADAMS ST.

## WINONA STATE

SEP. 11	WIS.-LA CROSSE
SEP. 18	WIS.-EAU CLAIRE
SEP. 25	MOORHEAD ST.
OCT. 2	@ MICHIGAN TECH
OCT. 9	@ MINN.-MORRIS
OCT. 16	NORTHERN ST. (S.D.)
OCT. 23	@ BEMIDJI ST.
OCT. 30	MINN.-DULUTH
NOV. 6	@ SOUTH-WEST ST. (MN)
NOV. 12	MOORHEAD ST.
	@ MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

## WINGATE

SEP. 4	*EAST TENN. ST.
SEP. 11	*WOFFORD
SEP. 18	LEES-MCRAE
SEP. 25	@ MARS HILL
OCT. 2	GARDNER-WEBB
OCT. 9	CARSON-NEWMAN
OCT. 16	*LENOIR-RHYNE
OCT. 23	CHOWAN
OCT. 30	PRESBYTERIAN
NOV. 6	@ CATAWBA
NOV. 13	@ ELON

## WINSTON-SALEM

SEP. 4	@ ELIZABETH CITY ST.
SEP. 11	NORTH CARO. A&T
SEP. 18	@ HOWARD
SEP. 25	@ LIVINGSTONE
OCT. 2	*FAYETTEVILLE ST.
OCT. 9	NORFOLK ST.
OCT. 16	N.C. CENTRAL
OCT. 23	@ BOWIE ST.
OCT. 30	JOHNSON SMITH
NOV. 6	@ VIRGINIA UNION
NOV. 13	VIRGINIA ST.

## WOFFORD

SEP. 4	*CITADEL
SEP. 11	WINGATE
SEP. 18	@ FURMAN
SEP. 25	CATAWBA
OCT. 2	@ PRESBYTERIAN
OCT. 9	LEES-MCRAE
OCT. 16	NEWBERRY
OCT. 23	@ LENOIR-RHYNE
OCT. 30	ALA.-BIRMINGHAM
NOV. 6	ELON
NOV. 13	@ CHARLESTON S.O.

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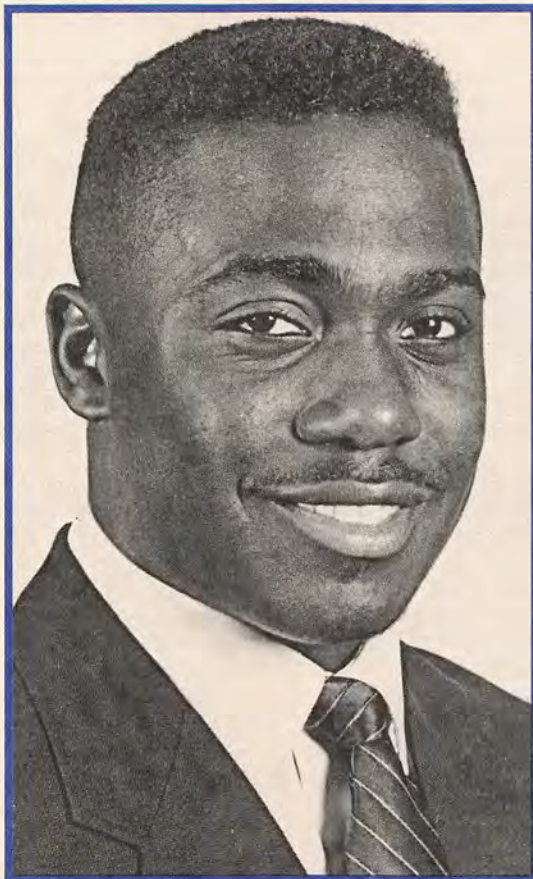
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# Player's Perspective

By Marshall Faulk  
With Dan Gordon



No matter what I said last year, I know a lot of [people] didn't believe I'd be back at school for my junior year, but I had pretty much made up my mind before last season started. I sat down and discussed it with my family and decided to return for my junior year regardless of what happened on the field.

Do I have the talent to play in the National Football League right now? That's a question I can't answer. I'd just have to give it my best try. Sure, I look forward to playing in the pros, when my time comes.

I enjoy watching all of the good runners in the league. I think I'm different in the sense that I don't compare myself to any of them. I look at good running backs and see what's unique about them, then I try to incorporate everything I see that can help me, add what I know how to do and just have fun with it.

As far as assessing my own style, I don't think it's that different from anybody else's. Yes, I get better results than other people, but I don't know why. I see myself on film and figure other runners could be as effective, too. Maybe they aren't because they don't work as hard, maybe I have a little more ability...it's hard to say. I also study a lot of film in order to get clues about what opposing defenses try to do against me. That helps, of course, but a big part of successfully running the football is instinct.

It's clear the success I've had on the football field has changed a lot of things in my life. All of a sudden everybody knows me. When I came to San Diego State I was only 18, and [the notoriety] was something I had to deal with. You're a kid, but you're also a role model, so you can't go out and do crazy things. You've got to watch what you do to make sure your image is positive.

People ask me to do a lot, like signing autographs and doing interviews. Sometimes the demands get to be too much. I try to be as accommodating as I can, but when I'm in school, I tell everybody, "No, you have to catch me another time. I'm here trying to get an education, and signing autographs is something I just can't do right now." I hope they understand. Sometimes they do, sometimes they don't.

At this point I can't be concerned about any articles written about me. If

they're accurate, that's fine; if they're not, that's fine, too. The people who know me will understand I was either misquoted or misunderstood. If anyone else wants me to explain, there are ways to get in touch with me. Hey, I'm just a normal person. Don't be afraid to talk to me.

Being a celebrity is something you never get used to. On the other hand, it feels good to have the whole city of San Diego behind me, rooting for me to win the Heisman. I hope I do win it this year, but I'm not going to give it too much thought. Even though I think I handled all of the Heisman hype pretty well last year, what I learned was it comes down to more than just what happens on the field. It's also how you perform off the field—how many interviews you do and the way you carry yourself as a person. I don't know if I'll do as many interviews this time around. I'm just going to go out and try to have another good season and see what happens.

Everyone who's in the running for the 1993 Heisman award feels he deserves it. Do I feel I deserved it last

year? Of course. Did you see Gino Torretta in the Sugar Bowl?

Last season had a few other disappointments. It was frustrating to sit out our game against Miami, but I'm frustrated any time I have to miss a game. People talk about that one, but it was the week before, when I had to come out at the beginning of the game against Fresno State, that really was discouraging to me. That was for the WAC championship—something I truly wanted to help San Diego State win.

I still haven't forgotten our 52-52 tie against BYU at home my freshman season—another game in which we were playing for the conference championship. It was just like a loss because it gave BYU the title. I wasn't happy, but I couldn't let myself get too down about it because at least I was there playing hard.

That's the game that stands out for me, that I really remember. However, people are always asking me about the Pacific game at the beginning of my freshman season, when I gained 386 yards and had seven touchdowns. I don't think about it. I guess I've been asked about that game so many times, it's hard to talk about it, and I won't anymore. However, I suppose I've been a marked man since that game. Some teams gang-tackle me more, some teams are more aggressive than others, but everybody plays within the rules.

Football is more than just getting hit. People will try to psych you out. That's part of the game, too. There isn't any rule that says you can't talk trash. You just don't let that get to you. You have to be strong-minded.

I've never regretted my decision to come to San Diego State. When I came out of high school, I was looking for a college that was going to give me a shot at playing the position I wanted to play, which was running back. Other schools wanted me to be a defensive back, but San Diego State was willing to give me a chance to show what I could do as a runner.

Am I surprised by my success? No. I knew I could do it, but I figured it would take me more time to get used to the system here and college football in general, as well as the adjustment, coming all the way to San Diego from New Orleans. The surprise is that success has come so quickly. I'm grateful. ●



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# ATLANTIC COAST

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Bobby  
Bowden's  
biggest con-  
cern is

There were some alleged college football experts who suggested Florida State would run all over the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1992, leaving in its wake a path of total destruction. While it's true FSU went 8-0 to capture the ACC crown in its inaugural season, the Seminoles hardly breezed to the championship. Quarterback Charlie Ward, the league's MVP, had to drive FSU the length of the field with less than two minutes remaining to give the Tribe a 24-20 victory at Clemson. Ward had to work his magic once again Oct. 17 at Georgia Tech. This time Ward accounted for 206 of FSU's 207 yards on three touchdown drives in the fourth quarter. FSU ultimately rallied from a 21-7 deficit to win 29-24. The 'Noles even needed to recover an onside kick with 3:20 left to set up their go-ahead touchdown.

So as the 1993 season approaches, beware of the prognosticator who says FSU will dwarf the competition and roll to its second straight title.

Do not, however, bet against the Seminoles repeating as conference champions. After all, it's likely FSU will open the 1993 season ranked No. 1 in the nation, just as it did in 1988 and 1991.

Keep in mind also that Florida State won the '92 ACC title by playing most of the conference's top opponents on the road. This year they'll host Clemson, Georgia Tech, Virginia and North Carolina State, among others.

Once again Ward will lead the attack. After finishing sixth in the Heisman Trophy balloting a year ago, he's forecast as one of the favorites to take home the prestigious award. FSU opponents must also deal with '92 Rookie of the Year Tamarick Vanover, who averaged an astounding 51.6 yards on eight kickoff returns and hauled in 42 passes for 581 yards.

replacing six starters on defense, but he has more depth than most ACC coaches would dare dream about.

The only true race in this conference appears for second place. In fact, if you took FSU out of the conference, you'd probably have one heck of a battle for the title between Clemson, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Virginia and Georgia Tech.

The Tigers lost four of their last five games a year ago to finish 5-6 overall and sixth in the conference (3-5), ahead of only Maryland and Duke. Look for the Tigers to come back strong, particularly with seven games at home in Death Valley.

Like five other teams in the conference Clemson will try to solidify its status at quarterback. Injuries forced coach Ken Hatfield to use three different starters a year ago.

N.C. State, second to FSU last season, must replace quarterback Terry Jordan and some key defenders. Coach Dick Sheridan finally beat Virginia last season, and there doesn't seem to be much to keep him from another upper echelon finish.

North Carolina, which finished with a nine-win season and a victory in the Peach Bowl, has finally turned the corner under sixth-year coach Mack Brown. UNC must rebuild its defense, but Brown has stockpiled all kinds of talent in recent recruiting years.

Virginia, which enjoyed consecutive bids to the Citrus, Sugar and Gator bowls, plans to return to postseason festivities after last season's hiatus. The biggest question for the Cavs, however, is at quarterback, where redshirt sophomore Symmion Willis is the likely replacement.

Georgia Tech, like Clemson, would like to forget the way it finished the 1992 season. Under first-year coach Bill Lewis, the Jackets lost five of their last six to finish 5-6 and 4-4. Georgia Tech must replace quarterback Shawn Jones, who was the ACC's all-time leader in total offense (9,296).



Patrick Sapp, Clemson

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William Bell, Georgia Tech

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Sean Jackson, Florida State

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Look for sophomore Donnie Davis to make a name for himself in '93. Davis was the top-rated prep quarterback in the nation three years ago. He has 4.6 speed in the 40 and a strong arm.

Maryland should make strides under second-year coach Mark Duffner's run-and-shoot offense, but it must also find a competent signal-caller.

Wake Forest first-year coach Jim Caldwell will have serious trouble duplicating the Deacon's dream season of '92, when they went 8-4 and won the Independence Bowl. Only four starters return for the Deacon defense.

Finally, Duke will try to break out of the ACC basement, but its fans will probably reserve their hopes for Coach Mike Krzyzewski's basketball team.

## ALL-ACC

**First-team offense:** QB Charlie Ward, Florida State; RB Rodney Blunt, Clemson; RB Sean Jackson, Florida State; WR Todd Dixon, Wake Forest; WR Tamarick Vanover, Florida State; TE Aaron Mundy, Virginia; T Curtis Parker, North Carolina; T George Hegamin, North Carolina State; G Stacy Seegars, Clemson; G Mark Dixon, Virginia; C Mike Cheever, Georgia Tech; PK Nelson Welch, Clemson; KR Tamarick Vanover, Florida State.

**First-team defense:** DE Toddrick McIntosh, Florida State; DE Marlon Williams, Georgia Tech; DT Carl Reeves, North Carolina State; DT Brentson Buckner, Clemson; LB Derrick Brooks, Florida State; LB Tyler Lawrence, North Carolina State; LB Bernardo Harris, North Carolina; CB Corey Sawyer, Florida State; CB Clinton Abraham, Florida State; S Bracey Walker, North Carolina; S Darnell Stephens, Clemson; P Mike Thomas, North Carolina.

**Second-team offense:** QB Jason Stanicek, North Carolina; RB Jerrod Washington, Virginia; RB William Floyd, Florida State; WR Eddie Goines, North Carolina State; WR Jason McGill, Georgia Tech; TE Greg DeLong, North Carolina; T Jim Reid, Virginia; T Steve Ingram, Maryland; G Patrick McNeil, Florida State; G Sean Hocker, North Carolina; C Jade Dubis, Maryland; K Tripp Pignetti, North Carolina; KR Leroy Gallman, Duke.

**Second-team defense:** DE Mike Frederick, Virginia; DE Mark Sturdivant, Maryland; DT John Akins, North Carolina State; DT Mark Krichbaum, Virginia; LB Damien Covington, North Carolina State; LB Ken Alexander, Florida State; LB P.J. Killian, Virginia; CB Sean Crocker, North Carolina; CB Greg McClellan, Virginia; S Keith Lyle, Virginia; S Andy McCrorey, Clemson; P Nelson Welch, Florida State.

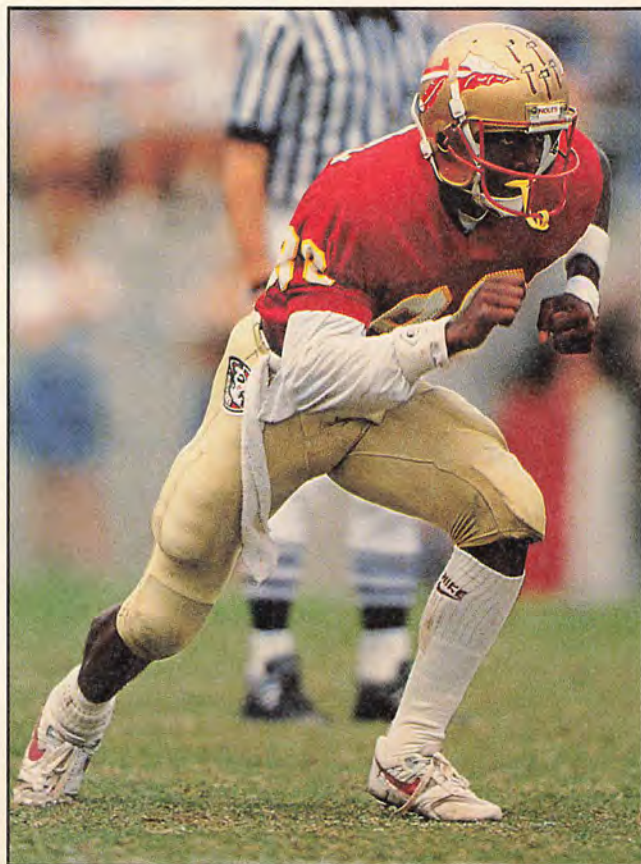
### 1. FLORIDA STATE

**Offense:** Quarterback Charlie Ward, a leading candidate for the Heisman Trophy, will engineer FSU's pro set offense. Ward, the 1992 ACC Player of the Year, set the school record for single season total offense with 3,151 yard in '92. ACC Rookie

of the Year Tamarick Vanover, a wide receiver from Tallahassee, should make plenty more headlines. Fullback William Floyd and tailback Sean Jackson form a potent rushing attack.

**Defense:** The Seminoles must replace six starters, including All-American line-

backer Marvin Jones, but there's plenty of experienced help in stock. All-star candidates include cornerback Corey Sawyer, cornerback Clifton Abraham, inside linebacker Ken Alexander, outside linebacker Derrick Brooks and defensive end Toddrick McIntosh.



Kez McCorvey, Florida State

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Jason Stanicek, North Carolina

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## FLORIDA STATE

**LOCATION:** Tallahassee, Fla.

**STADIUM:** Doak S. Campbell (66,000).

**COACH:** Bobby Bowden (227-77-3 overall/154-45-3 at FSU).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 11-1 (defeated Nebraska, 27-14, in the Orange Bowl).

**Returning Lettermen:** 50.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Kez McCorvey, SE, 6-0, 180, Jr.; Forrest Conoly, ST, 6-7, 315, So.; Lewis Tyre, SG, 6-5, 266, So.; Clay Shiver, C, 6-3, 260, So.; Patrick McNeill, TG, 6-3, 270, Jr. (All-ACC); Marvin Ferrell, TT, 6-6, 280, Sr.; Lonnie Johnson, TE, 6-3, 240, Sr.; Charlie Ward, QB, 6-1, 190, Sr. (ACC Player of the Year); William Floyd, FB, 6-0, 238, Jr.; Sean Jackson, TB, 6-2, 222, Sr.; Tamarick Vanover, FL/KR, 6-1, 210, So. (All-ACC, All-America); Dan Mowrey, PK, 5-11, 185, Jr.

**Defense—**James Roberson, OLB, 6-4, 240, Jr.; Toddrick McIntosh, LDE, 6-3, 270, Sr.; Enzo Armella, NG, 6-0, 255, So.; Derrick Alexander, 6-5, 263, So.; Derrick Brooks, OLB, 6-1, 225, Jr. (All-ACC); Ken Alexander, SLB, 6-4, 240, Sr.; Todd Rebol, WLB, 6-1, 220, So.; Corey Sawyer, LCB, 5-11, 165, Jr. (All-ACC); Devin Bush, SS, 6-0, 205, So.; Steve Gilmer, FS, 5-10, 190, Jr.; Clifton Abraham, RCB, 5-9, 185, Jr.; Sean Liss, P, 6-4, 205, Fr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Charlie Ward, QB; Corey Sawyer, CB; Derrick Brooks, OLB; Sean Jackson, TB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Scott Bentley, PK; Thad Busby, QB; Daryl Bush, LB; Andre Cooper, E; Kevin Long, L.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Marvin Jones, ILB; John Wimberly, P; Dan Footman, DE; Robert Stevenson, OT.

**Special Teams:** Tamarick Vanover was named a first team All-America kick returner by two publications. FSU recruited Scott Bentley, the top-rated place-kicker in the nation. Freshman Sean Liss and Scott Holmes will battle to replace punter John Wimberly.

**Environment:** FSU coach Bobby Bowden, now age 63, goes after the elusive national championship yet again. It's the only thing in the world of college football he hasn't won. He's won eight consecutive bowl games and enjoys immense popularity.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The 'Noles should breeze to their second ACC title. The national championship is another matter. Miami visits Tallahassee Oct. 9, then there's rough road trips to Notre Dame (Nov. 13) and Florida (Nov. 27).

**Outlook:** If FSU can avoid key injuries and make a crucial field goal, this could be the year it wins it all. That Nov. 13 date at Notre Dame could be a problem. Ward will have to work his magic, and the defense will have to overcome the loss of nine starters.

**Petersen Predicts:** 11-1.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 2. CLEMSON

**Offense:** The Tigers run from the power I-formation, choosing to wear teams down with a large offensive line and big, bruising running backs. Six starters return on offense, including tailback Rodney Blunt, who has led the team in rushing the last two seasons. Coach Ken Hatfield's biggest challenge will be determining his starting quarterback. Will it be Louis Solomon,

Richard Moncrief or Patrick Sapp?

Moncrief has the most experience, but he moved to wide receiver in the spring. Sapp is the best thrower and the front-runner, but the Tigers can win with Solomon.

**Defense:** Six starters return for the Tiger defense that ranked 13th in the nation in rushing defense and led the ACC in sacks with 46. The strength of the unit lies with inside linebackers Tim Jones and Derek Burnette. Jones led the team with 89 tackles and Burnette was a freshman All-American. Strong safety Darnell Stephens is the only returning starter in the secondary.

**Special Teams:** Nelson Welch, who was either a first- or second-team all-conference performer each of the past two seasons and a third-team AP All-American in 1992, will once again hold down the place-kicking and punting duties in 1993. He's on track to be Clemson's all-time leading scorer.

**Environment:** The Tigers finished 5-6 overall and 3-5 in the ACC last season. That was totally unacceptable to the Clemson faithful, who are used to conference championships and lucrative bowl appearances.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Success should come easier this year for the Tigers, who have seven home games. The Sept. 11 game at Florida State will be the most important of the season. Clemson must beat Georgia Tech at home Sept. 25, and it'll have its hands full Nov. 6 at North Carolina.

**Outlook:** Clemson has a new offensive coordinator and a new defensive coordina-

## CLEMSON

**LOCATION:** Clemson, S.C.

**STADIUM:** Clemson Memorial Stadium (81,473).

**COACH:** Ken Hatfield (105-59-3 overall/24-10-1 at Clemson).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 43.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

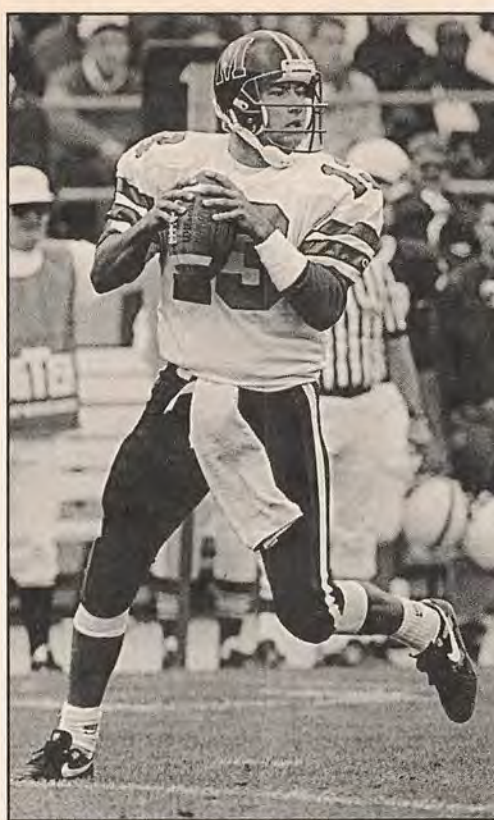
**Offense—**Dwayne Bryant, FLK, 6-1, 192, Sr.; Andre Hewitt, LT, 6-6, 270, Jr.; Will Young, LG, 6-2, 273, So.; Bryce Nelson, C, 6-2, 271, Sr.; Stacy Seegars, RG, 6-4, 320, Sr. (All-American, All-ACC); Brent LeJeune, RT, 6-3, 306, Sr.; Franklin Thomas, TE, 6-4, 255, Sr.; Terry Smith, SE, 6-1, 200, Sr. (All-ACC); Louis Solomon, QB, 5-10, 168, So.; Marrio Grier, FB, 5-11, 235, So.; Rodney Blunt, TB, 5-10, 200, Sr.; Nelson Welch, PK, 5-8, 182, Jr. (All-ACC); Greg Hood, KR, 5-6, 160, Sr.

**Defense—**James Sims, OLB, 6-3, 235, So.; Warren Forney, RT, 6-3, 290, Jr.; Carlos Curry, MG, 6-2, 275, So.; Brenton Buckner, DT, 6-2, 300, Sr. (All-ACC); Mike Barber, OLB, 6-1, 230, Jr.; Derek Burnette, ILB, 6-0, 220, So.; Tim Jones, ILB, 6-1, 220, So.; Andre Humphrey, CB, 5-8, 192, So.; Darnell Stephens, ROV, 6-0, 224, Jr.; Andye McCrorey, FS, 5-10, 183, So.; Terrance Dixon, CB, 5-7, 175, So.; Nelson Welch, P, 5-8, 182, Jr. (All-American, All-ACC).

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Patrick Sapp, QB; Terry Smith, WR; Rodney Blunt, RB; Brenton Buckner, DL; Tim Jones, LB; Derek Burnette, LB; Nelson Welch, PK/P.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Amel Jackson, TB; Chris Franklin, LB; Alphonso Collins, TE; Wardell Rouse, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Robert O'Neal, FS; Ashley Sheppard, LB; Ronald Williams, TB.



**Scott Milanovich, Maryland**

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tor. A lot depends on how quickly the Tigers adjust. Crucial to the team's success will be the quarterback, where Hatfield must find a consistent winner.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 3. NORTH CAROLINA

**Offense:** The Tar Heels return eight starters in their multiple-I offense, but they must replace tailback Natrone Means, an All-ACC performer and 1,000-yard rusher the last two seasons. Means entered the NFL draft after only three collegiate seasons. UNC also lost starting fullback Mike Faulkerson and tailback Randy Jordan. The Tar Heels have two proven quarterbacks in Jason Stanicek and Mike Thomas.

**Defense:** Seven defensive starters are gone from last year's Peach Bowl championship squad, including all-star linebackers Tommy Thigpen and Jonathan Perry. Head Coach Mack Brown will rely heavily on a quartet of seniors—defensive backs Bracey

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### 3. Florida State coach Bobby Bowden

*Fair or not, he'll always get some heat until he wins his first national championship.*



## NORTH CAROLINA

**LOCATION:** Chapel Hill, N.C.

**STADIUM:** Kenan Stadium (52,000).

**COACH:** Mack Brown (41-59-1 overall/24-31-1 at UNC).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-3 (defeated Mississippi State, 21-17, in the Peach Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 40.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Greg DeLong, TE, 6-3, 240, Jr.; Curtis Parker, LT, 6-3, 279, Sr. (All-ACC); Russell Babb, LG, 6-4, 270, So.; Shawn Hocker, C, 6-4, 275, Sr.; Scott Falise, RG, 6-3, 264, Sr.; Ethan Albright, RT, 6-5, 270, Sr.; Corey Holliday, SE, 6-2, 200, Jr.; Curtis Johnson, TB, 5-9, 203, So.; Jason Stanicek, QB, 6-0, 185, Jr.; William Henderson, FB, 6-0, 241, Jr.; Bucky Brooks, FL, 6-0, 185, Jr.; Tripp Pignetti, PK, 5-10, 200, Jr.; Antuarn Williams, KR, 5-9, 191, Sr.

**Defense**—Bernardo Harris, OLB, 6-2, 229, Sr.; Austin Robbins, DT, 6-6, 275, Sr.; Troy Barnett, NG, 6-4, 267, Sr.; Michael Payne, DT, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Ray Jacobs, OLB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Jimmy Hitchcock, WCB, 5-11, 192, Jr.; Rick Steinbacher, ILB, 6-0, 237, Sr.; Kerry Mock, ILB, 6-1, 222, Jr.; Sean Crocker, Sr., 5-10, 189, Sr.; Bracey Walker, FS, 5-11, 190, Sr. (All-ACC); Sean Boyd, SS, 6-3, 200, So.; Mike Thomas, P, 6-2, 221, So. (All-ACC).

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Jason Stanicek, QB; Mike Thomas, QB/P; Bernardo Harris, OLB; Austin Robbins, DT.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Natrone Means, TB; Tommy Thigpen, LB; Jonathan Perry, LB; Rondell Jones, FS; Thomas Smith, CB; Cliff Baskerville, CB.

Walker and Sean Crocker, defensive tackle Austin Robbins and outside linebacker Bernardo Harris.

**Special Teams:** Mike Thomas was a first-team All-ACC and freshman All-American punter last year. Senior Tripp Pignetti made 14-of-19 field-goal tries and was 28-of-29 on PATs. UNC, however, must replace punt returners Randall Felton and Randy Jordan.

**Environment:** Fans in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, couldn't be much happier these days. The basketball team won a national championship, and the football team finished with a nine-win season, including a 21-17 victory over Mississippi State in the Peach Bowl.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** An interesting mix of non-conference contests with Southern Cal, Ohio University, UTEP and Tulane. UNC is fortunate to have home games with Florida State and Clemson. Back-to-back road games in mid-October against Georgia Tech and Virginia will be pivotal.

**Outlook:** If Brown can shore up the defense, Carolina could go back to another bowl game, but that might be asking for a bit too much against a challenging schedule.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-6.

**Bowl:** no.

## 4. N.C. STATE

**Offense:** Junior Geoff Bender will likely replace Terry Jordan at quarterback in N.C. State's option-I attack. Bender completed more than 50 percent of his passes as a reserve last year. Big things will be expected of Gary Downs at tailback and Robert Hinton at split end. Six starters are gone.

**Defense:** All-star candidates John Akins and Carl Reeves at tackle, Tyler Lawrence

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**N.C. STATE****LOCATION:** Raleigh, N.C.**STADIUM:** Carter-Finley Stadium (52,000).**COACH:** Dick Sheridan (121-52-5 overall/52-29-3 at N.C. State).**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-3-1 (lost to Florida, 27-10, in the Gator Bowl).**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 54.**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Robert Hinton, SE, 6-1, 195, Sr.; Ryan Schultz, TE, 6-4, 235, Sr.; Chuck Cole, LT, 6-5, 273, Sr.; Chris Hennie-Roed, LG, 6-5, 249, So.; Todd Ward, C, 6-2, 255, Sr.; Shawn Johnson, RG, 6-1, 266, Sr.; George Hegamin, RT, 6-7, 332, So. (All-ACC); Geoff Bender, QB, 6-3, 2-5, Jr.; Chris Cotton, FB, 6-0, 250, Sr.; Gary Downs, TB, 6-2, 198, Sr.; Eddie Goines, FL, 6-1, 185, Sr. (All-ACC); Steve Videtich, PK, 6-2, 200, Jr.; Brian Fitzgerald, KR, 6-0, 192, So.

**Defense**—Tyler Lawrence, OLB, 6-5, 240, Sr.; Sean Maguire, OLB, 6-2, 231, Sr.; John Akins, RT, 6-4, 278, Sr.; Carl Reeves, LT, 6-4, 219, Jr. (All-ACC); Daryl Beard, MG, 6-1, 258, Sr.; Damien Covington, ILB, 6-1, 228, Jr.; Gregg Giannamore, ILB, 6-0, 215, Sr.; DeWayne Washington, DB, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Chuck Browning, DB, 6-1, 169, Jr.; Walter Gerard, DB, 5-11, 172, Sr.; Mike Johnson, DB, 5-10, 195, Jr.; Chad Robson, P, 6-0, 163, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Geoff Bender, QB; John Akins, DT; Tyler Lawrence, OLB; Carl Reeves, DT; DeWayne Washington, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Trot Nixon, QB; Carlos King, RB; Montez Barnett, LB; Mark Castaldi, TE.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Terry Jordan, QB; Greg Manior, FB; Anthony Barbour, TB; Ricky Logo, MG; Tim Kilpatrick, P.

at outside linebacker, Damien Covington at inside linebacker and DeWayne Washington at defensive back will be expected to lead the pack in their "50" scheme. The defensive backfield must overcome the loss of three standout starters.

**Special Teams:** Place-kicker Steve Videtich, who made all 38 of his PATs and 14 of 22 FGs, returns. But the 'Pack must replace punter Tim Kilpatrick and kick returners Anthony Barbour and Reggie Lawrence.

**Environment:** Coach Dick Sheridan finally broke through and beat Virginia for the first time last year. Other than that, it was business as usual. Another nine-win season, a second-place finish in the conference and a trip to the Gator Bowl. These are good days for 'Pack football followers.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Give Sheridan credit for upgrading the non-conference slate; State opens up with Purdue at home. An Oct. 2 date at Clemson will be pivotal. Then there's a showdown in Tallahassee Nov. 20 against Florida State.

**Outlook:** Looking good once again. The schedule is favorable for a team that must replace its starting quarterback, tailback and almost its entire defensive secondary. Sheridan will find a way to return to another bowl.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

**5. VIRGINIA**

**Offense:** Who will quarterback the Cavs in their multiple-I scheme? The likely candidate is redshirt sophomore Symmion Willis,



**Jimmy Lincoln, Georgia Tech**

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who missed most of last season with a separated shoulder. Coach George Welsh is also considering B.J. Hawkins, Mike Groh and Tim Sherman. Jerrod Washington and Kevin Brooks will have to combine at tailback to replace Terry Kirby, the school's all-time leading rusher.

**Defense:** UVa's aggressive 4-3 alignment will surely miss All-America rush end Chris Slade. Linebackers P.J. Killian and Randy Neal, safety Keith Lyle, cornerback

**VIRGINIA****LOCATION:** Charlottesville, Va.**STADIUM:** Scott Stadium (42,000).**COACH:** George Welsh (128-97-4 overall/73-51-3 at Virginia).**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-4.**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 41.**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Tyrone Davis, WR, 6-5, 206, Jr.; Jim Reid, LT, 6-7, 280, Sr.; Mark Dixon, LG, 6-4, 277, Sr. (2nd-team All-ACC); Bryan Heath, C, 6-3, 276, So.; John Slocum, RG, 6-6, 305, So.; Bill Edwards, RT, 6-6, 292, Sr.; Aaron Mundy, TE, 6-6, 237, Sr.; Symmion Willis, QB, 6-4, 194, So.; Charles Way, FB, 6-2, 226, Jr.; Jerrod Washington, TB, 6-1, 213, Sr.; Andrew Dausch, WR, 6-0, 181, Jr.; Josh Schrader, PK, 6-4, 191, Sr.; Jerrod Washington, KR, 6-1, 213, Sr.

**Defense**—Mike Frederick, LE, 6-5, 256, Jr.; Ryan Kuehl, LT, 6-5, 262, Jr.; Mark Krichbaum, RT, 6-6, 286, Jr. (all-state); Matt Mikeska, RE, 6-4, 247, Sr.; Gene Toliver, LB, 6-3, 212, Sr.; Randy Neal, LB, 6-3, 238, Jr.; P.J. Killian, LB, 6-3, 232, Sr. (all-state); Keith Lyle, S, 6-2, 198, Sr.; Paul London, S, 6-2, 180, So.; Greg McClellan, CB, 5-10, 195, Sr.; Mike Wardlaw, CB, 5-11, 179, So.; Patrick Harkleroad, P, 5-8, 160, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Symmion Willis, QB; Jerrod Washington, TB; Kevin Brooks, TB; Mark Dixon, OL; P.J. Killian, LB; Randy Neal, LB; Keith Lyle, S.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Tiki Barber, RB; Derrick Byrd, QB; Ronde Barber, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Terry Kirby, TB; Chris Slade, DE; David Ware, OT; Tim Samec, C; Bobby Goodman, QB; Michael Husted, PK.

Greg McClellan and down linemen Mike Frederick, Mark Krichbaum and Ryan Kuehl will all be important figures.

**Special Teams:** Punter Patrick Harkleroad returns after averaging 37.7 yards a kick last season, but UVa must replace kicker Michael Husted.

**Environment:** UVa probably would've attended its fourth consecutive bowl game last season if tailback Terry Kirby hadn't been hurt. Virginia's home schedule of Navy, Duke, Ohio University, North Carolina, Wake Forest and Virginia Tech hasn't created an air of excitement.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key**

**Games:** UVa faces stern road tests with Maryland, Georgia Tech, Florida State, N.C. State and Clemson. The opener at Maryland could set the tone for the season. A Sept. 16 date at Georgia Tech is critical. Finally, a Nov. 13 date at Clemson could determine a bowl bid.

**Outlook:** The team must find a capable quarterback to lead it back to postseason. The defense looks fairly reliable; at least it has plenty of experience. The Cavs should contend for postseason.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-5.

**Bowl:** no.

**6. GEORGIA TECH**

**Offense:** The Yellow Jackets run a multiple offense, and Head Coach Bill Lewis hopes highly touted sophomore signal-caller Donnie Davis is ready to take over for departed Shawn Jones. Davis was the No.

**GEORGIA TECH****LOCATION:** Atlanta, Ga.**STADIUM:** Bobby Dodd Stadium/Grant Field (46,000).**COACH:** Bill Lewis (39-38-2 overall/5-6 at Georgia Tech).**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 43.**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Jason McGill, SE, 6-1, 188, Sr.; Gary Brown, LT, 6-5, 313, Sr.; Brian Bravy, LG, 6-5, 315, Jr.; Mike Cheever, C, 6-4, 270, So.; Yancy Sims, RG, 6-4, 283, So.; Jason Dukes, RT, 6-7, 324, So.; Jeff Papushak, TE, 6-3, 228, Jr.; Donnie Davis, QB, 6-2, 183, So.; William Bell, FB, 5-11, 203, Sr.; Jimmy Lincoln, HB, 5-9, 183, Jr.; Keenan Walker, FL, 6-0, 167, Sr.; Chris Leone, PK, 6-6, 202, Fr.; Lethon Flowers, KR, 6-0, 190, Jr.

**Defense**—Tom Johnson, OLB, 6-5, 241, Sr.; Bill Neuss, DT, 6-5, 238, Jr.; Bryan Baxter, NG, 6-4, 283, Sr.; Richard Kimsey, DT, 6-3, 262, Sr.; Marlon Williams, OLB, 6-2, 209, Sr.; Jamal Cox, ILB, 6-1, 230, Jr.; Rodney Wilkerson, ILB, 6-2, 222, Jr.; Lethon Flowers, RCB, 6-0, 190, Jr.; Marcus Coleman, LCB, 5-9, 164, Sr.; David Hendrix, SS, 6-2, 205, Jr.; Mike Williams, FS, 5-10, 180, Sr.; Jason Bender, P, 6-3, 208, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Donnie Davis, QB; Jason McGill, SE; William Bell, FB; Michael Cheever, C; Marlon Williams, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Derrick Shepard, DL; Derrick Steagall, QB; Jimmy Clements, FS; T.J. Johnson, RB; Harie Robinson, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Shawn Jones, QB; Bobby Rodriguez, FL; Coleman Rudolph, DT.



1-rated prep QB in the land three years ago. Lewis is hoping for a more consistent rushing attack, which will be led by senior fullback William Bell and junior H-back Jimmy Lincoln. Senior Jason McGill is one of the most explosive receivers in the nation.

**Defense:** Playing from a Shade "50" set, Georgia Tech will be led on defense by outside linebackers Marlon Williams and Tom Johnson, defensive tackle Richard Kimsey and cornerback Lethon Flowers. Lewis says the Jackets were too tentative and passive last year. He'll stress a more aggressive, attacking style of defense this season.

**Special Teams:** All-America place-kicker Scott Sisson, who held virtually every Tech kicking and scoring record, is gone. Redshirt freshman Chris Leone is the leading candidate to earn the job. Junior punter Jason Bender returns.

**Environment:** Georgia Tech lost its last three games to finish 5-6 overall a year ago. Tech averages just 40,000 fans per game, but that will drop even lower if Lewis doesn't have a winning record this year.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Back-to-back road games with Clemson and Florida State in late September and early October could spell disaster. That makes a Sept. 18 home date with Virginia extremely critical. This is a murderous schedule for a rebuilding Tech team.

**Outlook:** Not good. Tech could be headed for its second consecutive losing season. Aside from an opening game with Furman, the first half of its schedule is brutal. That's not exactly conducive to developing a young team. The rushing attack is vital.

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-6.

**Bowl:** no.

## 7. MARYLAND

**Offense:** Superback Mark Mason will be the focal point of Maryland's run-and-shoot offense if he stays healthy. Mason was leading the conference in all-purpose yards before fracturing his shoulder blade last season. First-year coach Mark Duffner must find a replacement for quarterback John Kaleo. The front-runner is sophomore Scott Milanovich. Sophomore receivers Wade Inge and Jermaine Lewis, a candidate for fastest player in the league, must have big seasons.

**Defense:** Maryland's multiple "40" scheme was susceptible to the big play last season. Duffner must get quality play from veterans like nose tackle Jim Panagos, end Mark Sturdivant and linebacker Chad Wiestling. The Terps were weakest in the secondary last season, but they hope guys like Cleveland Everhart, Angel Guerra and Raphael Wall will come through.

**Special Teams:** Dave DeArmas put up some questionable numbers as a punter (34.2 avg.) and place-kicker (10-of-17 on FGs) last season, but is no longer with the program. So Duffner went out and signed punter/place-kicker Lonny Callichio, the Junior College Special Teams Player of the Year.

**Environment:** Duffner's enthusiasm is infectious. The players and alums love him. He made a lot of friends when the Terps knocked off Clemson in the final game of the 1992 season, 53-23.

## MARYLAND

**LOCATION:** College Park, Md.

**STADIUM:** Byrd Stadium (41,000).

**COACH:** Mark Duffner (63-13 overall/3-8 at Maryland).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 3-8.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 26.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Russ Weaver, WR, 6-3, 213, Jr.; Jermaine Lewis, WR, 5-9, 170, So.; Jason Kremus, WR, 6-1, 197, Sr.; Andrew Carter, WR, 5-10, 170, Fr.; Steve Ingram, LT, 6-5, 283, Jr.; David Hack, LG, 6-6, 290, Jr.; Jamie Bragg, RG, 6-1, 271, Jr.; Mark Motley, RT, 6-7, 315, Jr.; Jade Dubis, C, 6-2, 274, Jr.; Scott Milanovich, QB, 6-4, 220, So.; Mark Mason, RB, 5-8, 191, Sr.; Jermaine Lewis, KR, 5-9, 170, So.

**Defense**—Mark Sturdivant, DE, 6-4, 242, Sr.; Tim Brown, ILB, 6-1, 205, So.; Erick Wood, ILB, 6-1, 222, Jr.; Corey Holobetz, DE, 6-4, 231, Jr.; Sharrod Mack, LT, 6-3, 281, So.; Jim Panagos, NT, 6-2, 250, Sr.; Dennis Martin, RT, 6-3, 265, Jr.; Mike Lacy, CB, 5-9, 173, So.; Eugene Green, CB, 5-9, 172, Jr.; Angel Guerra, FS, 6-2, 198, Jr.; Raphael Wall, DB, 5-11, 202, Jr.; Lonny Callichio, P/PK, 6-3, 200, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Mark Mason, RB; Steve Ingram, OT; Jim Panagos, NT; Mark Sturdivant, DE; Chad Wiestling, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Brian Cummings, QB; Mancel Johnson, WR; Jermaine Stewart, WR; Cleveland Everhart, DB; Andre Martin, DB; Terrance Carter, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** John Kaleo, QB; Marcus Badgett, WR; Richie Harris, WR; Dan Prunzik, WR; Mike Jarmolowich, LB; Scott Rosen, DB.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Terps have only five home games, so they'll have to make the most of them. This is a toughie, which features three straight non-conference dates with West Virginia, Virginia Tech and Penn State. The home opener with UVa Sept. 4 is critical. The Terps had better get off to a good start because three of their last four games are on the road.

**Outlook:** Maryland had its best recruiting year in a decade, and it'll need plenty of help from that class immediately. Superback Mason must stay healthy; someone must emerge at quarterback, and the defense has to stop the big play. If all that happens, Maryland could battle for a .500 record.

**Petersen Predicts:** 4-7.

**Bowl:** no.

## 8. WAKE FOREST

**Offense:** The '93 outlook is highlighted by the return of All-American candidate wide receiver Todd Dixon, who was the most outstanding offensive player in the Independence Bowl. Senior tailbacks Ned Moultrie and John Leach combined for nearly 1,300 rushing yards last season. But who'll replace Keith West at quarterback? Sophomore Rusty Larue or senior Jim Kemp.

**Defense:** Trouble here. Seven prominent seniors must be replaced on defense. A major bright spot is at linebacker, where last year's leading tackler, Kevin Giles, is back after making 124 tackles in 11 games. Much will be expected of nose guard Dred Booe and tackle Jay Williams.

**Special Teams:** Senior Mike Green has converted 25-of-35 field-goal attempts in

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**WAKE FOREST****LOCATION:** Winston Salem, N.C.**STADIUM:** Groves Stadium (31,000).**COACH:** Jim Caldwell (first year at Wake Forest).**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 8-4 (defeated Oregon, 39-35, in the Independence Bowl).**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42.**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Todd Dixon, SE, 5-11, 173, Sr. (All-ACC); Austin Crowder, LT, 6-0, 235, So.; Reggie Avery, LG, 6-1, 280, Jr.; Eddie McKeel, C, 6-2, 266, Jr.; Kevin Smith, RG, 6-4, 265, Sr.; Elton Ndoma-Ogar, RT, 6-2, 274, So.; Walter Rasby, TE, 6-4, 223, Sr.; Travis Johns, WB, 6-3, 190, Sr.; Rusty LaRue, QB, 6-2, 175, So.; Mitch Kennedy, FB, 5-10, 240, Sr.; Ned Moultrie, TB, 5-9, 184, Sr.; Mike Green, PK, 5-11, 212, Sr.; John Leach, KR, 5-9, 213, Sr.

**Defense**—Willie Hall, DE, 6-2, 257, Jr.; Jay Williams, DT, 6-4, 266, Sr.; Dred Booe, NG, 6-2, 290, Sr.; Rick Gardner, DT, 6-3, 245, So.; Gleenreus Hart, DE, 6-3, 200, Sr.; Kevin Giles, LB, 6-0, 197, Jr.; Tim Johnson, LB, 6-1, 190, So.; Brent Morehead, CB, 6-1, 178, So.; Kevin Cole, SS, 6-2, 178, Sr.; Alexis Sockwell, FS, 6-2, 180, So.; Richard Goodpasture, CB, 5-11, 188, Jr.; Mike Green, P, 5-11, 212, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Todd Dixon, WR; John Leach, TB; Ned Moultrie, TB; Kevin Giles, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Rusty Larue, QB; Jim Kemp, QB; Mike Neubeiser, ILB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Keith West, QB; John Henry Mills, TE; George Coghill, CB; Mike McCrary, DE.

the last two years. Last season Green handled the punting duties as well, averaging 37.0 yards per punt.

**Environment:** Bill Dooley made his final season as head coach at Wake Forest a

**DUKE****LOCATION:** Durham, N.C.**STADIUM:** Wallace Wade (33,941).**COACH:** Barry Wilson (10-22-1 overall/and at Duke).**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 2-9.**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 49**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Brad Breedlove, WR/KR, 5-11, 175, Sr.; John Merrill, LT, 6-4, 265, Jr.; Steve Alderfer, LG, 6-4, 285, Sr.; Jeroen Egge, C, 6-3, 265, Jr.; P.J. Shunke, RG, 6-4, 300, Sr.; Matt Williams, RT, 6-5, 275, Sr.; Dan Clark, TE, 6-5, 250, Sr.; Spence Fischer, QB, 6-3, 210, Jr.; Robert Baldwin, FB, 6-0, 220, Sr.; Leroy Gallman, TB, 5-11, 190, Sr.; Stanley Dorsey, WR, 6-2, 195, Sr.; Tom Cochran, PK, 6-1, 180, Sr.

**Defense**—Travis Pearson, LE, 6-4, 245, Sr.; Warren Scoville, LT, 6-5, 265, Sr.; David Wafle, RT, 6-6, 270, Sr.; Duane Marks, RE, 6-5, 245, Sr.; Brad Sherrod, OLB, 6-3, 230, Sr.; Scott Berdan, ILB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; David Hawkins, OLB, 6-4, 215, Jr.; John Zuanich, SS, 6-3, 200, So.; Gavin Gray, FS, 5-11, 190, Sr.; Jamal Ellis, LCB, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Tee Edwards, RCB, 6-1, 195, Jr.; Spence Fischer, P, 6-3, 210, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Spence Fischer, QB; Leroy Gallman, TB; Brad Breedlove, WR; Scott Youmans, DT; Scott Berdan, ILB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** David Greene, QB; Johannes Brugger, FB; Charles London, RB; Patrick Mannelly, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Randy Cuthbert, TB; Darrell Spells, OLB; Keith DuBose, CB; Randy Gardner, PK.

**Corey Holliday, North Carolina**

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memorable one. The Deacs went 8-4, their best since 1979, and beat Oregon 39-35 in the Independence Bowl. There's much enthusiasm with first-year coach Jim Caldwell on board.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Deacs are afforded the luxury of playing their first three games at home. The opener with Vanderbilt is critical. Back-to-back road games with Florida State and Virginia in late October and early November could be a killer. Still, the Deacs close the season with winnable home games against Georgia Tech and Maryland.

**Outlook:** The inexperience on defense and at quarterback is a problem. The Deacs will resort to their old form in '93, near the very bottom of the ACC.

**Petersen Predicts:** 3-8.

**Bowl:** no.

**9. DUKE**

**Offense:** The Blue Devils will be under the leadership of first-year offensive coordinator Buddy Geis, who coached for the NFL's Green Bay Packers from 1988-91. Quarterback Spence Fischer returns after throwing for more than 1,500 yards last

season. Tailback Leroy Gallman must fill the void left by Randy Cuthbert. Dependable receiver Brad Breedlove is back.

**Defense:** Three starters are gone from last year's unit that surrendered 31 points and 408 yards per game. Duke will need big years from tackle Scott Youmans, end Duane Marks and inside linebacker Scott Berdan.

**Special Teams:** Untested Spence Fischer could assume the punting duties, and Tom Cochran is expected to replace Randy Gardner as place-kicker. Kick returners Brad Breedlove and Leroy Gallman are solid.

**Environment:** How many days until basketball practice? Head Coach Barry Wilson's 10-22-1 record in three years is under scrutiny. If experience means anything, Duke should be better. Sixteen starters will be seniors.

**Outlook:** Not so good. Duke has only five home games, and two of those are against Florida State and Clemson. The best chance for victory comes Sept. 18 at home against Army.

**Petersen Predicts:** 1-10.

**Bowl:** no.



By Michael Bradley

# BIG EAST

Well, consider this: All four of Miami's national championships were accom-

**T**he temptation is overwhelm-

ing. Just pencil those Miami Hurricanes in atop the Big East standings and keep that prognostication percentage nice and high. Syracuse? Come on now. How could the Orangemen compare with that 'Cane legacy in South Florida?

Miami has won 51 consecutive home games, racked up a stunning 44-4 record from 1989-92 and generally frightened opponents to death for the last decade. OK, so Alabama did do a Bayou Boogie on the 'Canes last Jan. 1. Even the Yankees used to lose a couple every now and then.

This year is different, say the Miami doomsayers. The Hurricanes lost too many times. The quarterback, wide receiver, linebacker and secondary positions have been devastated by graduation and early defection to the NFL. This is the year to get the 'Canes. They're young. They're susceptible. It's time.

Wrong.

Coach Dennis Erickson merely opens the chamber of his high-powered offense and in slides another round. Same caliber. Same deadly potency. He does the same thing with his defense. The new faces may be young, but they're still Hurricanes, baby, and that's all that counts.

"Miami has some great, great people," Syracuse coach Paul Pasqualoni admits. "In our minds Miami is the team to beat. They're going to be Miami. There ain't much difference from year to year."

There ain't much difference this year, either. Oh, you say the 'Canes have a new quarterback—junior Frank Costa?

plished with a first-year passer. Are you worried about the loss of the "Ruthless Posse" wide receivers Kevin Williams, Lamar Thomas and Horace Copeland? Don't fret. A bucket full of speed returns, and freshman Jammi German could be better than any of the upperclassmen.

And consider this: Syracuse may be good, but the Orangemen have to visit the Orange Bowl Oct. 23. Figure Pasqualoni and Co. for consecutive home win No. 54.

Not that the Orangemen will be pushovers. The rest of the league should have plenty of trouble with Syracuse. Though only 11 starters return from last year's Fiesta Bowl championship squad, do-everything quarterback Marvin Graves is one of them. The Orangemen have enough speed to play anyone in the country.

Coaches made the biggest news around the league during the past off-season. New mentors Ron Dickerson and Johnny Majors moved into positions at Temple and Pitt, respectively, while Boston College chief Tom Coughlin turned down big bucks from the New York Giants to stay with the resurgent Eagles. Given the sorry state of affairs in Giantland, that was probably a good decision.

They still haven't decided on a quarterback at Rutgers, leaving senior Bryan Fortay and sophomore Ray Lucas to battle for time. West Virginia welcomes back senior quarterback Jake Kelchner and hopes for better luck than last year, when the 5-4-2 Mountaineers were nine points from a nine-win season. Defense is the main focus at Virginia Tech, which hired Phil Elmassian away from Syracuse to run the stop troops.

## 1. MIAMI

**Offense:** Get out the scorecards. It's time to meet a whole new bunch of Hurricanes. Junior Frank Costa takes over for graduated Heisman winner Gino Torretta and tries to carry on the school's

QB legacy. It won't be easy, since an entirely new group of receivers breaks in with Costa. Miami will work with a two-back set sometimes this year, but junior Donnell Bennett will likely be the featured runner, operating behind a young line.

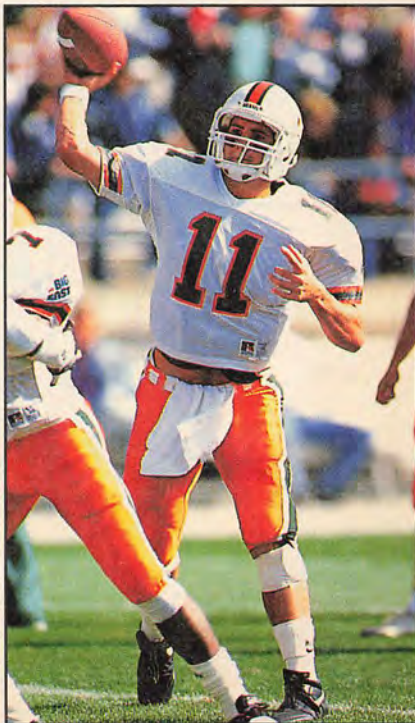
**Defense:** The focus moves from the linebackers to the defensive front, where three talented ends—Darren Krein, Kevin Patrick and the rehabbed Rusty Medearis (knee)—will make a big impact. Sophomore big-talker Rohan Marley leads the rebuilt



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Rusty Medearis, Miami  
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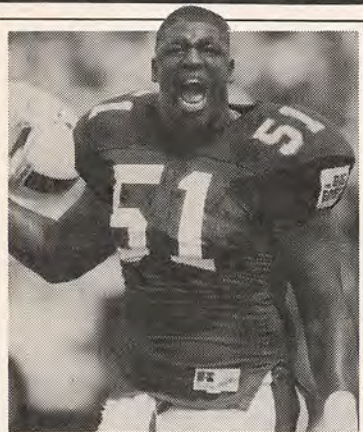


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## ON THE HOT SEAT

### 1. Temple coach Ron Dickerson

*The Owl program has floundered lately, and if Dickerson doesn't win, things could get pretty bleak.*

### 2. Pittsburgh coach Johnny Majors

*The conquering hero returns to the scene of his past glories and finds a mess. Rebuilding won't be easy.*

### 3. Miami quarterback Frank Costa

*No pressure here. Costa is just taking over the most visible position in college football.*

linebacking unit, and three seniors populate an experienced backfield.

**Special Teams:** Sophomore Dane Prewitt had a strong debut last season as place-kicker (13-of-21 field goals) and could punt this year, too. The Canes will miss speedy return man Kevin Williams.

**Environment:** The Hurricanes tend to win national championships in odd-numbered years—1983, 1987, 1989, 1991—and Miami fans expect nothing short of title contention this year, no matter how many new faces are in the lineup.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Those who criticize Miami's schedule can't do so this year. Road trips to Colorado and Florida State, along with a full complement of Big East games, constitute a tough road. The Sept. 25 game at Colorado should be one of the year's top intersectional matches. The Buffaloes may be favored, but Miami is tough on the road. Look out 'Canes on Oct. 9—Florida State has a field-goal kicker now. The Syracuse Orangemen come to town Oct. 23 and the game should

be like a war.

**Outlook:** Forget about this rebuild/reload talk. Miami will be good. Very good. The Hurricanes always are. Just how high they advance in the polls depends on those visits to Boulder and Tallahassee.

**Petersen Predicts:** 10-1.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 2. SYRACUSE

**Offense:** Dangerous run-pass threat Marvin Graves returns for his fourth year directing the Orange attack, but he won't see too many familiar faces—particularly up front. Only four other starters return, two along the offensive line. Speedy game-breaker Shelby Hill returns at wideout, and senior Al Wooten will be at fullback again. Juniors Terry Richardson and Kirby Dar Dar should be solid halfbacks, but soph Marvin Harrison steps in for departed Qadry Ismail at the other receiver spot.

**Defense:** Strength can be found in near-

## SYRACUSE

**LOCATION:** Syracuse, N.Y.

**STADIUM:** Carrier Dome (50,000).

**COACH:** Paul Pasqualoni (54-21 overall/20-4 at Syracuse).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 10-2 (beat Colorado in Fiesta Bowl, 26-22).

**LETTERMEN RETURNING:** 29.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Marvin Graves, QB, 6-1, 184, Sr.; Al Wooten, FB, 5-11, 226, Sr.; Terry Richardson, TB, 6-1, 205, Jr.; Shelby Hill, WR, 6-0, 194, Sr.; Marvin Harrison, WR, 6-0, 173, So.; Eric Chenoweth, TE, 6-3, 238, Jr.; Melvin Tuten, OT, 6-6, 282, Jr.; Kyle Adams, OT, 6-4, 285, Sr.; Dave Wohlhabaugh, OG, 6-4, 260, Jr.; Cy Ellsworth, OG, 6-3, 268, So.; John Reagan, C, 6-4, 271, Sr.; Pat O'Neill, PK/P, 6-1, 197, Sr.; Shelby Hill, KR, 6-0, 194, Sr.

**Defense—**Ernie Brown, DT, 6-2, 260, Jr.; Wilky Bazile, DT, 6-3, 270, Jr.; Kevin Mitchell, NG, 6-1, 240, Sr.; Dave Rebar, LB, 6-2, 222, So.; Chris Marques, LB, 6-2, 230, So.; Dan Conley, LB, 6-2, 229, Sr.; Chip Todd, LB, 6-1, 244, Sr.; Dwayne Joseph, DB, 5-10, 180, Sr.; Doug Womack, DB, 5-10, 174, Sr.; Bob Grosvenor, DB, 6-0, 173, Sr.; Tony Jones, DB, 6-3, 198, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Marvin Graves, QB; Shelby Hill, WR; Al Wooten, FB; Kevin Mitchell, NG; Dan Conley, LB; Dwayne Joseph, DB; Bob Grosvenor, DB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Donovan Darius, DB; Chuck Beatie, OL; DuLayne Morgan, LB; Antwane Ponds, LB; Jason Walters, LB; Roland Williams, DL.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Qadry Ismail, WR; David Walker, TB; Chris Gedney, TE; Terrence Wisdom, OG; JoJo Wooden, LB; Glen Young, LB; John Biskup, PK.

## MIAMI

**LOCATION:** Coral Gables, Fla.

**STADIUM:** Orange Bowl (74,712).

**COACH:** Dennis Erickson (94-35-1 overall/44-4 at Miami).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 11-1 (lost to Alabama in Sugar Bowl, 34-13).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 41.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Frank Costa, QB, 6-4, 214, Jr.; Donnell Bennett, FB, 6-2, 227, Jr.; Jonathan Harris, TB, 5-9, 165, Jr.; Chris Jones, WR, 6-3, 207, Jr.; A.C. Tellison, WR, 6-4, 205, Jr.; Dietrich Clausell, TE, 6-2, 237, Jr.; Ricky Perry, OT, 6-7, 310, So.; Zev Lumelski, OT, 6-7, 300, Jr.; Rudy Barber, OG, 6-3, 295, Sr.; Tirrell Greene, OG, 6-3, 300, Jr.; K.C. Jones, C, 6-1, 255, Fr.; Dane Prewitt, PK/P, 5-11, 192, So.; Jonathan Harris, KR, 5-9, 165, Jr.

**Defense—**Rusty Medearis, DE, 6-4, 250, Sr.; Darren Krein, DE, 6-4, 258, Sr.; Pat Riley, DT, 6-6, 278, Jr.; Kenny Lopez, DT, 6-3, 280, Sr.; Corwin Francis, LB, 6-0, 218, Jr.; Robert Bass, LB, 6-2, 230, Sr.; Rohan Marley, LB, 5-8, 205, So.; Dexter Seigler, DB, 5-9, 180, Sr.; Terris Harris, DB, 6-1, 195, Sr.; Malcolm Pearson, 6-2, 207, Jr.; Paul White, DB, 5-9, 185, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Frank Costa, QB; Chris Jones, WR; A.C. Tellison, WR; Rusty Medearis, DE; Robert Bass, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Jammi German, WR; K.C. Jones, C; Darius McCullum, DB; James Burgess, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Gino Torretta, QB; Horace Copeland, WR; Kevin Williams, WR; Lamar Thomas, WR; Micheal Barrow, LB; Darrin Smith, LB; Jessie Armstead, LB; Ryan McNeil, DB.





**Doug Whaley, Pitt**

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ly every area, particularly the secondary, where all-league candidates Dwayne Joseph and Bob Grosvenor return. Nose guard Kevin Mitchell is an Outland and Lombardi candidate, and linebacker Dan Conley should be outstanding, following an injury-plagued junior year.

**Special Teams:** Senior Pat O'Neill was second in the Big East in punting last year (42.3), and we'll see how he does at kicking this season. The Orange lose placement man John Biskup, who led the league in field goals in '92. Also gone is kick returner Qadry Ismail, although Shelby Hill is an excellent punt returner, and Kirby Dar Dar

singed Colorado for a 99-yard TD in the Fiesta Bowl.

**Environment:** Coach Paul Pasqualoni has maintained the success begun by Dick MacPherson and has made the Orange into one of the nation's top teams. Syracuse is about the only team in the Big East that can match up favorably with Miami.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Orangemen should roll through their non-league slate, with only a visit to Texas being potentially dangerous. 'Cuse gets Miami on the road, but BC at home. Texas may be down, but visiting Austin (Sept. 18) is never fun. The Orangemen's Oct. 2 Big East opener with Boston College is no gimme. Last year's upset bid with Miami ran out of time on the two-yard line. How close will Syracuse get this year (Oct. 23) at the home of the 'Canes?

**Outlook:** Pasqualoni has guided the Orangemen to a pair of 10-2 seasons, and an improvement may be at hand. Miami is the only team on Syracuse's schedule with superior talent, and the gap between the two teams isn't too big.

**Petersen Predicts:** 10-1.

**Bowl:** yes.

### 3. BOSTON COLLEGE

**Offense:** Much of last year's potent offense returns, with senior quarterback Glenn Foley the most important ingredient. Foley threw for 2,231 yards last year in the BC balanced attack, but he mixed 12 interceptions with only 15 TDs. His top target will be tight end Pete Mitchell, but expect junior Clarence Cannon and senior Ivan Boyd to make a few more big plays this season. The ground game loses Chuckie Dukes and his 1,387 yards, but holdovers Darnell Campbell and Dwight Shirley are both talented and will run behind an experienced line.

**Defense:** Here's the key to the BC season. If Coach Tom Coughlin can find



**Shelby Hill, Syracuse**

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replacements for four talented starters along its front seven, the Eagles have a shot at another New Year's Day bowl game. If not, expect Boston College to be a mid-level Big East team. Senior Ted Page returns to the left tackle spot, where he started in 1991, while sophomore Chris Sullivan is steady at the right tackle position. Dan Kerr and Stephen Boyd are expe-

### BOSTON COLLEGE

**LOCATION:** Chestnut Hill, Mass.

**STADIUM:** Alumni (32,000).

**COACH:** Tom Coughlin (28-24-3 overall/12-9-1 at Boston College).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 8-2-1 (lost to Tennessee in Hall of Fame Bowl, 38-23).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 36.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Glenn Foley, QB, 6-2, 207, Sr.; Darnell Campbell, FB, 6-2, 220, Sr.; Dwight Shirley, TB, 5-11, 219, Jr.; Ivan Boyd, WR, 6-0, 165, Sr.; Clarence Cannon, WR, 5-11, 162, Jr.; Pete Mitchell, TE, 6-2, 228, Jr.; Ben Velishka, OT, 6-5, 277, Jr.; Josh Porter, OT, 6-7, 280, So.; Pete Kendalal, OG, 6-5, 266, So.; Greg Landry, OG, 6-4, 285, So.; Tom Nalen, C, 6-3, 268, Sr.; David Gordon, PK, 6-0, 178, Sr.; Clint Kuboyama, KR, 5-11, 180, Jr.

**Defense**—Ted Page, DT, 6-4, 260, Sr.; Chris Sullivan, DT, 6-5, 265, So.; Tim Morabito, NG, 6-3, 255, So.; Stephen Boyd, ILB, 6-1, 235, Jr.; Brian Howlett, ILB, 6-0, 234, Sr.; Dan Kerr, OLB, 6-4, 235, Sr.; Mike Mamula, OLB, 6-5, 228, So.; Michael Reed, DB, 5-9, 175, Jr.; Tony Ransome, DB, 5-9, 174, So.; Terrence Wiggins, DB, 5-11, 185, So.; Clint Kuboyama, DB, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Jeff Beckley, P, 6-2, 182, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Glenn Foley, QB; Darnell Campbell, FB; Pete Mitchell, TE; Tom Nalen, C; Ted Page, DT; Stephen Boyd, LB; Clint Kuboyama, DB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Chris Hackett, PK/P; John Duarte, RB; Anthony Comer, RB; Kenyatta Watson, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Chuckie Dukes, RB; Ron Stone, OT; Mike Marinaro, DT; John Stolberg, NG; Jason Pohopek, OLB; Tom McManus, ILB.

### ALL-BIG EAST

**First-team offense:** QB Marvin Graves, Syracuse; RB Curtis Martin, Pittsburgh; RB Darnell Campbell, Boston College; WR Shelby Hill, Syracuse; WR Chris Brantley, Rutgers; TE Pete Mitchell, Boston College; T Tre Johnson, Temple; T Zev Lumelski, Miami; G Rudy Barber, Miami; G Dale Williams, West Virginia; C Jim Pyne, Virginia Tech; K Dane Prewitt, Miami; KR Lew Lawhorn, Temple.

**First-team defense:** DE Rusty Medearis, Miami; DE Darren Krein, Miami; DT Kevin Mitchell, Syracuse; DT Kevin Patrick, Miami; LB Dan Conley, Syracuse; LB Rohan Marley, Miami; LB Tom Tumulty, Pittsburgh; CB Dwayne Joseph, Syracuse; CB Dexter Seigler, Miami; S Mike Collins, West Virginia; S Jay Bellamy, Rutgers; P Todd Sauerbrun, West Virginia.

**Second-team offense:** QB Glenn Foley, Boston College; RB Bruce Presley, Rutgers; RB Donnell Bennett, Miami; WR Antonio Freeman, Virginia Tech; WR Dietrich Jells, Pittsburgh; TE Raymond Belvin, Pittsburgh; T Rich Braham, West Virginia; T Ken Dammann, Rutgers; G Tirrell Greene, Miami; G Jared Hamlin, Virginia Tech; C Tom Nalen, Boston College; K John Bienstad, Rutgers; KR Kirby Dar Dar, Syracuse.

**Second-team defense:** DE Andrew Beckett, Rutgers; DE Ted Page, Boston College; DT Barry Hawkins, West Virginia; DT Tom Barndt, Pittsburgh; LB Lance Johnstone, Temple; LB Stephen Boyd, Boston College; LB Ken Brown, Virginia Tech; CB Tyrone Drakeford, Virginia Tech; CB Paul White, Miami; S Bob Grosvenor, Syracuse; S P.J. Preston, Virginia Tech; P Pat O'Neill, Syracuse.





**Tim Colicchio, Pittsburgh**

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rienced linebackers, and three starters are back in a good secondary.

**Special Teams:** BC could turn over its kicking duties to heralded freshman Chris Hackett. If Hackett can't hack it, expect junior Jeff Beckley to punt and senior David Gordon to kick. Clint Kuboyama is a sure-handed return man.

**Environment:** Coughlin turned down the New York Giants job to stay at Boston College, saying something for his integrity and the team's future. He wouldn't have hung around if disaster loomed. BC may never join Syracuse and Miami among the Big East elite every year, but the Eagles will put up a good fight.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** A pretty soft non-conference schedule (with the exception of Notre Dame) provides a nice respite from the Big East wars. The Eagles get an early shot (Sept. 4) at the rebuilding Miami Hurricanes on national TV. If BC wants to play on New Year's Day, it had better play well Oct. 2 at Syracuse. The Nov. 20 game at Notre Dame marks a chance to gain some revenge for last year's 54-7 shellacking.

**Outlook:** Boston College may have surprised some people last year, but the Eagles won't be a secret this time. The offense is talented, and if Coughlin finds some people to play up front on the defense, look out.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

#### 4. WEST VIRGINIA

**Offense:** Is it a luxury or a curse? The Mountaineers return a pair of senior quarterbacks with starting experience, Jake Kelchner and Darren Studstill. Kelchner should start, but Studstill will be waiting if he fails—or succumbs to elbow problems like last year. Senior Jon Jones and sophomore Robert Walker should replace departed star Adrian Murrell (1,145 yards) at tailback, and Ed Hill leads a group of talented receivers. Rick Braham is one of the league's top tackles, but WYU will be thin

#### WEST VIRGINIA

**LOCATION:** Morgantown, W. Va.

**STADIUM:** Mountaineer Field (63,500).

**COACH:** Don Nehlen (145-90-8 overall/92-55-4 at West Virginia).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-4-2.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Jake Kelchner, QB, 6-2, 210, Sr.; Rodney Woodard, FB, 6-0, 230, Jr.; Jon Jones, TB, 6-3, 220, Sr.; Ed Hill, WR, 6-4, 190, Sr.; Mike Baker, WR, 6-1, 184, Sr.; Nae Rine, TE, 6-5, 243, Sr.; Rich Braham, OT, 6-5, 260, Sr.; Calvin Edwards, OG, 6-4, 285, Jr.; Dale Williams, OG, 6-2, 258, Sr.; Jim LeBlanc, OG, 6-4, 295, Sr.; Dan Harless, C, 6-1, 265, Sr.; Todd Sauerbrun, PK/P, 6-0, 195, Jr.; Daymeian Gallimore, KR, 6-0, 170, So.

**Defense**—Barry Hawkins, DL, 6-5, 260, Jr.; Scott Gaskins, DL, 6-2, 264, Sr.; Steve Redd, DL, 6-0, 269, Sr.; Tim Brown, LB, 6-0, 210, Sr.; Wes Richardson, LB, 6-2, 229, Sr.; Matt Taffoni, LB, 6-0, 218, Jr.; James Wright, LB, 6-2, 212, Jr.; Mike Collins, DB, 5-11, 190, Sr.; David Mayfield, DB, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Tommy Orr, DB, 5-11, 175, Sr.; Aaron Beasley, DB, 6-0, 185, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Jake Kelchner, QB; Darren Studstill, QB; Jon Jones, TB; Rich Braham, OT; Barry Hawkins, DL; Tim Brown, LB; Mike Collins, DB; Todd Sauerbrun, PK/P.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Frank Browning, DB;

Jimmy Gary, RB; John Loving, DL.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Adrian Murrell, RB; Mike Compton, C; Lorenzo Styles, OG; Tom Briggs, DL; Boris Graham, DL.

in the middle.

**Defense:** Linebacker and secondary are the strengths here, thanks to backers Tim Brown (119 tackles), Wes Richardson and Matt Taffoni and strong safety Mike Collins. Coach Don Nehlen needs help up front, where junior Barry Hawkins and senior Scott Gaskins are the lone experienced hands.

**Special Teams:** Junior Todd Sauerbrun was first-team All-Big East punter last year, and he'll get a chance to kick this season. Sophomore Daymeian Gallimore was second in the league in kickoff returns last year.

**Environment:** Last year's 5-4-2 season was punctuated by injuries, near-misses, bad luck and an ugly brawl against Syracuse. Things can't get any weirder this year, can they?

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Mountaineers lose Penn State from the non-conference slate, quite a plus. They also play just four road games and host Miami. Game four of a four-game home-stand comes against WVU's hated rival—Pittsburgh—Oct. 23. The Nov. 6 game with Rutgers could be for a bowl berth. The Nov. 20 against Miami marks a late-season chance at an upset.

**Outlook:** The Mountaineers have a chance to do some damage this year, but they must play well against Boston College, Rutgers and Pitt, their likely competitors for third place. If Kelchner stays healthy, and help can be found on the lines, this could be a good year.

**Petersen Predicts:** 7-4.

**Bowl:** yes.

#### 5. RUTGERS

**Offense:** They played musical quarterbacks at Rutgers in 1992, and the tune will continue this year. Coach Doug Graber exited spring drills with no definite leader in the Bryan Fortay/Ray Lucas derby. Fortay, a senior whose transfer from Miami was heralded, was inconsistent last season, but did show some talent as a dropback specialist. The sophomore Lucas couldn't match Fortay's numbers, but is viewed as the Scarlet Knights' QB of the future. Whoever starts will do so behind a rebuilt offensive line and without all-league wide-

#### RUTGERS

**LOCATION:** Piscataway, N.J.

**STADIUM:** Rutgers (41,500); Giants (76,000).

**COACH:** Doug Graber (22-22 overall/16-17 at Rutgers).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-4.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 34.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Bryan Fortay, QB, 6-3, 210, Sr.; Bill Bailey, FB, 5-7, 193, Sr.; Bruce Presley, TB, 5-10, 215, So.; Chris Brantley, WR, 5-11, 180, Sr.; Lance Evina, WR, 5-9, 178, Sr.; Chris Stoll, TE, 6-3, 237, Sr.; Ken Dammann, OT, 6-5, 277, Sr.; Scott Vaughn, OT, 6-6, 305, Sr.; Mike Spitzer, OG, 6-4, 295, Sr.; Scott Patkochis, OG, 6-4, 292, Sr.; Kareem Williams, C, 6-1, 292, Jr.; John Benestad, PK, 5-11, 200, Sr.; Bruce Presley, KR, 5-10, 215, So.

**Defense**—Andrew Beckett, DE, 6-4, 265, Sr.; Keif Bryant, DE, 6-4, 270, Jr.; Ibrahim Washington, NG, 6-2, 245, So.; Bob Sneathen, OLB, 6-1, 225, Anthony Cauthen, OLB, 6-2, 243, Sr.; Jamil Jackson, ILB, 5-11, 249, Sr.; George Stewart, ILB, 6-0, 235, Sr.; Malik Jackson, DB, 6-2, 234, Sr.; Jay Bellamy, DB, 5-11, 190, Sr.; Keith Price, DB, 5-7, 180, Jr.; Tim Geckeler, DB, 5-10, 181, Sr.; David Lipetz, P, 5-11, 173, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Bryan Fortay, QB; Ray Lucas, QB; Bruce Presley, RB; Chris Brantley, WR; Jamil Jackson, ILB; Andrew Beckett, DE; Jay Bellamy, DB; Malik Jackson, DB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Terrell Willis, RB; Norris Crawford, DB; Steve Harper, WR; Varnell Johnson, DB; Joey Jones, LB; Brian Sheridan, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Jim Guarantano, WR; Travis Broadbent, C; Joe Ciaffoni, OG; Tekay Dorsey, RB; Shawn Williams, LB.



out Jim Guarantano. Sophomore running back Bruce Presley is a good one, and senior receiver Chris Brantley is a game-breaker.

**Defense:** Plenty of talent returns here, although a couple of big contributors—namely all-league outside backer Shawn Williams—must be replaced. Senior Andrew Beckett and junior Keif Bryant anchor the defensive front, and senior Jamil Jackson is a force at inside line-backer. Three secondary starters return, most notably senior safeties Jay Bellamy and Malik Jackson.

**Special Teams:** The Scarlet Knights are average in this department. Senior John Benestad is a capable kicker, but junior David Lipetz averaged only 39.9 yards per punt last year. Return men Bruce Presley and Bill Bailey are solid.

**Environment:** There's a continued feeling of excitement at Rutgers, where a stadium expansion project moves forward, and recruiting continues to improve. The Knights are part of the Big East's middle group, but must get better to stay there.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Non-conference games with Colgate, Army and Duke make a visit to Penn State more palatable, but a season-ending trio of games against West Virginia, Miami and Syracuse could hurt. The Knights get a good gauge of how strong they are Sept. 25 at Penn State. The Oct. 9 game with Boston College is a chance at revenge for last year's opening-day debacle. A Friday afternoon tilt—Nov. 26 with Syracuse—attracts a regional TV audience.

**Outlook:** Last year Rutgers went 7-4, but didn't beat anyone of consequence. In

order to attract some bowl attention, the Knights need to beat BC, West Virginia or one of the Big East big boys. The team may be better, but the record probably won't improve. Still, seven wins would ensure a bowl game.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-5.

**Bowl:** no.

## 6. PITTSBURGH

**Offense:** There's a gaping hole under center, and it's unlikely that space will be completely closed this season. A pair of sophomores, John Ryan and Ken Ferguson, will try to step in for departed Pitt all-time passing leader Alex Van Pelt, but don't expect too much. They should spend a lot of time handing off to talented runners Curtis Martin and Tim Colicchio, provided a rebuilt offensive line can open any holes. If Ryan/Ferguson get any time to throw, Dietrich Jells and Curtis Anderson are inviting targets.

**Defense:** The Panthers move to a 4-3 scheme this season, and plenty of experience returns—particularly at linebacker and in the secondary. Junior Tom Barndt is rock-solid at tackle, while sophomore Jason Chavis, senior Charles Williams and sophomore Tom Tumulty, who missed last year with a torn muscle, lead the 'backers. Speedy sophs Jay Jones (corner) and David Sumner (safety) and experienced Doug Whaley are the best of the defensive backs.

**Special Teams:** Senior Kevin Leon returns to handle the punting duties after missing last year with a knee injury, but the Panthers lack any experience at place-kicker.

**Environment:** Johnny Majors returns to Pitt after being ousted from Tennessee and

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## PITTSBURGH

**LOCATION:** Pittsburgh, Penn.

**STADIUM:** Pitt (56,500).

**COACH:** Johnny Majors (173-105-10 overall/33-13-1 at Pitt).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 3-9.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Ken Ferguson, QB, 6-3, 205, So.; John Ryan, QB, 6-3, 195, So.; Curtis Martin, TB, 6-0, 190, Jr.; Lyron Brooks, FB, 6-2, 230, So.; Dietrich Jells, WR, 6-1, 175, Jr.; Curtis Anderson, WR, 6-1, 180, Fr.; Raymond Belvin, TE, 6-3, 240, So.; Rick Cardinali, OT, 6-7, 270, So.; Matt Bloom, OT, 6-6, 315, Jr.; Jared Miller, OG, 6-3, 225, Fr.; Dave Kristofic, OG, 6-5, 275, Sr.; Lawson Mollica, C, 6-4, 275, Jr.; Ted D'Alessandro, PK, 5-11, 165, Sr.

**Defense**—Dell Seagraves, DE, 6-3, 240, So.; Zaititi Moody, DE, 6-2, 225, So.; Tom Barndt, DT, 6-4, 280, Jr.; Matt Hosilyk, DT, 6-4, 275, So.; Tom Tumulty, LB, 6-4, 240, So.; Jason Chavis, LB, 6-2, 240, So.; Charles Williams, LB, 6-3, 260, Sr.; Doug Whaley, DB, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Jay Jones, DB, 5-9, 170, So.; David Sumner, DB, 6-2, 190, So.; Chris Hupko, DB, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Kevin Leon, P, 6-0, 200, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Ken Ferguson, QB; John Ryan, QB; Curtis Martin, RB; Dietrich Jells, WR; Tom Barndt, DT; Tom Tumulty, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Curtis Anderson, WR; Jason Soboleski, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Alex Van Pelt, QB; Chris Sestili, C; Chris Bouyer, WR; Reuben Brown, OT; Sean Conley, PK; Vernon Lewis, DB.

faces a giant rebuilding job. Panther fans are hoping for a return to the late-'70s glory days, but the trip back will take a while.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Panthers get both Miami and Syracuse at home, but must also face Ohio State and Notre Dame. Sept. 4 at Southern Mississippi marks the first game of the Majors Era, Part II. The Panthers visit their

hated rivals Oct. 23 at West Virginia. Pitt looks for revenge in a second-straight Thursday night ESPN match with the Scarlet Knights Oct. 28 at Rutgers.

**Outlook:** Majors won't lie about the 1993 Panthers. He knows they need help—and lots of it. A four-win season would be nice, and five wins would be tremendous. Pitt fans will have to hope for improvements beyond the won-loss record.

**Petersen Predicts:** 3-8.

**Bowl:** no.

## 7. VIRGINIA TECH

**Offense:** This is definitely the Hokies' strength. Tech averaged 24.5 ppg last year and should be able to put up similar numbers this year. Junior quarterback Maurice DeShazo is a run-pass threat who improved as last season progressed. He'll work behind an excellent offensive line, anchored by senior center Jim Pyne. Antonio Freeman caught 32 passes at split end last year and has big-play capabilities, but the Hokies must retool their ground game, which lost its top two rushers.

**Defense:** The Hokies were generous to opponents last year, and Coach Frank Beamer made several changes. Tech will operate from a 4-3 configuration this season instead of a wide-tackle six and will be directed by a new coordinator. The unit's strength is the secondary, led by all-conference corner Tyrone Drakeford. P.J. Preston is a talented linebacker who registered six sacks last year, and Ken Brown is solid at one of the inside backer positions.

**Special Teams:** Both specialists return, though kicker Ryan Williams needs to improve his field-goal accuracy (12-of-18), and punter Robbie Colley averaged only 38.1 yards per kick.

**Environment:** This is a crucial year for Virginia Tech, which hoped to upgrade its program by association with the Big East,

## VIRGINIA TECH

**LOCATION:** Blacksburg, Va.

**STADIUM:** Lane (51,000).

**COACH:** Frank Beamer (66-63-4 overall/24-40-2 at Virginia Tech).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 2-8-1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 47.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Maurice DeShazo, QB, 6-1, 192, Jr.; Mike Hodges, FB, 6-0, 230, Sr.; Dwayne Thomas, TB, 5-10, 192, So.; Antonio Freeman, WR, 6-1, 185, Jr.; Steve Sanders, WR, 5-8, 162, Sr.; John Burke, TE, 6-3, 253, Sr.; Mike Smith, OT, 6-7, 283, Jr.; Chris Barry, OT, 6-4, 329, Jr.; Jared Hamlin, OG, 6-3, 294, So.; Chris Malone, OG, 6-3, 275, So.; Jim Pyne, C, 6-2, 280, Sr.; Ryan Williams, PK, 6-4, 265, Jr.; Antonio Freeman, KR, 6-1, 185, Jr.

**Defense**—Bernard Basham, DE, 6-6, 260, Sr.; Billy Swarm, DE, 6-3, 232, Jr.; Chris Breheny, DT, 6-3, 261, Sr.; J.C. Price, DT, 6-3, 268, So.; P.J. Preston, LB, 6-3, 223, Sr.; Ken Brown, LB, 6-2, 232, Jr.; George DelRicco, LB, 6-1, 223, So.; Tyrone Drakeford, DB, 5-10, 187, Sr.; Stacy Henley, DB, 6-0, 188, Jr.; William Yarborough, DB, 6-0, 157, So.; Danny Dunbar, DB, 5-10, 190, Fr.; Robbie Colley, P, 6-1, 232, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Maurice DeShazo, QB; Antonio Freeman, WR; Jim Pyne, C; Tyrone Drakeford, DB; P.J. Preston, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Danny Dunbar, DB; Tommy Edwards, RB; T.J. Washington, OL; Cornelius White, WR; Waverly Jackson, DT; Antonio Banks, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Vaughn Hebron, RB; Tony Kennedy, RB; Bo Campbell, WR; Jerome Preston, DT.

but struggled last year. If the Hokies don't show some improvement, they could be in danger of staying in the second division for a while.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Hokies have a manageable non-conference slate, and a mid-season three-game home-stand should be beneficial. The Bowling Green Falcons won't be an Opening Day patsy (Sept. 4). A home game Sept. 25 with the rebuilding Maryland Terps is sandwiched between challenges against Miami and West Virginia. The big in-state game—Nov. 20 at Virginia—has been pretty exciting lately.

**Outlook:** The change to a 4-3 defense should help, but Beamer still lacks top-flight personnel to implement. Tech will score some points and should be improved stopping the opposition, but a breakthrough season isn't likely.

**Petersen Predicts:** 3-8.

**Bowl:** no.

## 8. TEMPLE

**Offense:** Major questions exist for new coach Ron Dickerson on this side of the ball. He'll go with untested Phil Lang at quarterback in his multiple offense and hope he can get the ball to talented wide receivers Lew Lawhorn and Jeff Frederick. Ralphiel Mack and Sid Morse are the best of a thin lot of returning backs, although freshman Juan Gaddy could start if he's Prop. 48 qualified. Mammoth offensive tackle Tre Johnson is an All-Big East performer who anchors a big, young line.

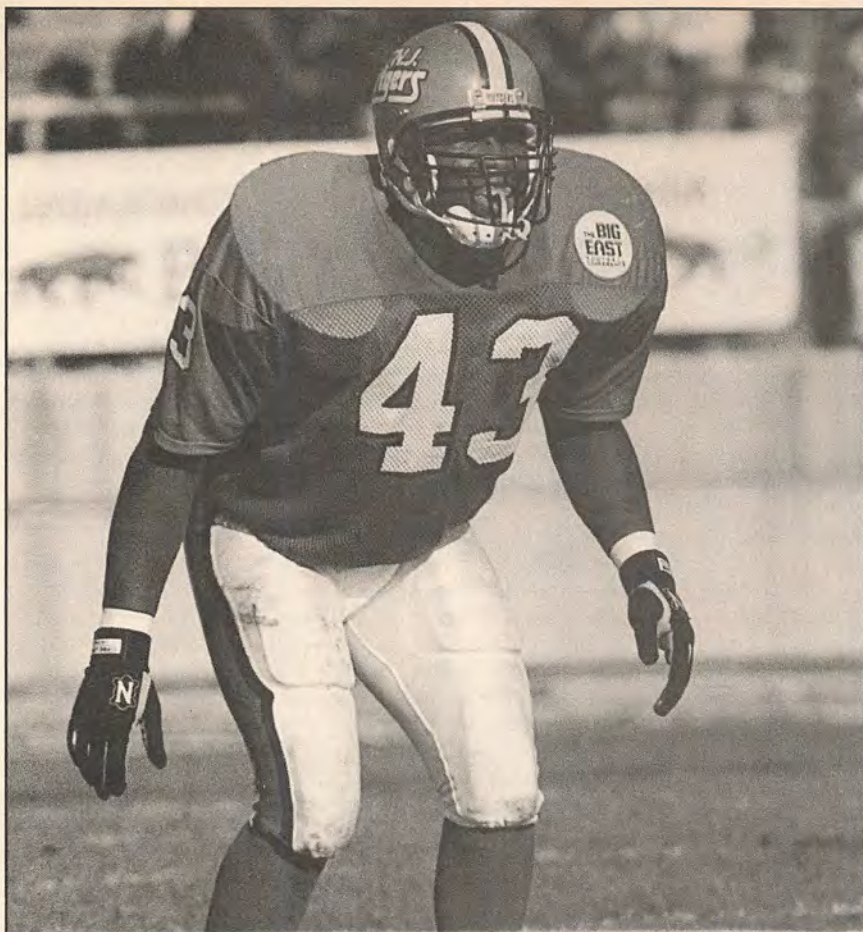
**Defense:** There's some talent on this side of the ball, but again, questions loom—particularly up front. Sophomore



**Jim Pyne, Virginia Tech**

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**Malik Jackson, Rutgers**

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## TEMPLE

**LOCATION:** Philadelphia, Penn.

**STADIUM:** Veterans (66,592).

**COACH:** Ron Dickerson (0-0).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 1-10.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 33.

### PROJECTED STARTERS:

**Offense**—Phil Lang, QB, 6-2, 215, Jr.; Sid Morse, FB, 6-0, 210, Jr.; Ralphiel Mack, TB, 5-11, 205, Jr.; Lew Lawhorn, WR, 5-10, 155, Jr.; Marc Baxter, WR, 6-1, 190, So.; Peter Cook, TE, 6-3, 245, Sr.; Tre Johnson, OT, 6-3, 300, Sr.; Glenn Tinner, OT, 6-4, 270, Sr.; Eric Johnson, OG, 6-5, 260, Fr.; Dean Sholders, OG, 6-3, 330, Sr.; John Summerday, C, 6-3, 285, So.; Rich Maston, PK, 5-11, 210, Jr.; Lew Lawhorn, RS, 5-10, 155, Jr.

**Defense**—Adrian Drones, DE, 6-1, 240, Jr.; Lance Johnstone, DE, 6-3, 220, Jr.; Davin Miles, DT, 6-5, 285, Sr.; Jeremiah Joyner, DT, 6-3, 275, Fr.; Shedrick Perry, LB, 6-1, 225, So.; Jason Thompson, LB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Andrew Brown, LB, 6-2, 230, Jr.; Kyle Glasper, DB, 5-9, 160, Sr.; Evens Charles, DB, 6-3, 190, Jr.; Tony Angelo, DB, 6-1, 185, Sr.; Robert McWilliams, DB, 5-11, 170, So.; John Shay, P, 6-0, 200, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Phil Lang, QB; Ralphiel Mack, RB; Lew Lawhorn, WR; Tre Johnson, OT; Lance Johnstone, LB; Kyle Glasper, DB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** James Spears, LB; Zane Michalski, K; Eric Johnson, OG; Sean Carden, DT; Josh Saunders, LB; Juan Gaddy, RB; Jeremiah Joyner, DT.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Brian Erwin, OG; Efrain Cabrera, RB; Jerold Jeffcoat, NG; Roman Hale, LB; Keita Crespina, DB.

Lance Johnstone makes the move from linebacker to defensive end and should be outstanding, and Kyle Glasper is a solid cornerback. Senior Davin Miles should be a standout at defensive tackle.

**Special Teams:** Lawhorn is an outstanding return man, but the kicking game is shaky. John Shay returns to punt, but averaged a measly 32.9 yards per kick. He'll be pushed by Kelly Sims, who missed '92 with a knee injury. Incumbent kicker Rich Maston could lose his job to freshman Zane Michalski.

**Environment:** Dickerson takes over a bumbling program that has won three games in the past two seasons. He faces an uphill fight to recruit top athletes to Philadelphia, where college football isn't a top priority.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Owls are scheduled well. Other than a game with California, their non-conference slate is light. They still must visit Miami and Syracuse, however. A Thursday night match Sept. 9 at Eastern Michigan opens the Dickerson era. Army visits Philadelphia Oct. 9 for the start of Temple's easiest schedule stretch. Nov. 20, against Pittsburgh, the league's two new coaches face off.

**Outlook:** Dickerson found a weak, poorly conditioned team with little pride when he came to Temple; this year's unit should shed most of those problems. It will be a while, however, before the Owls win.

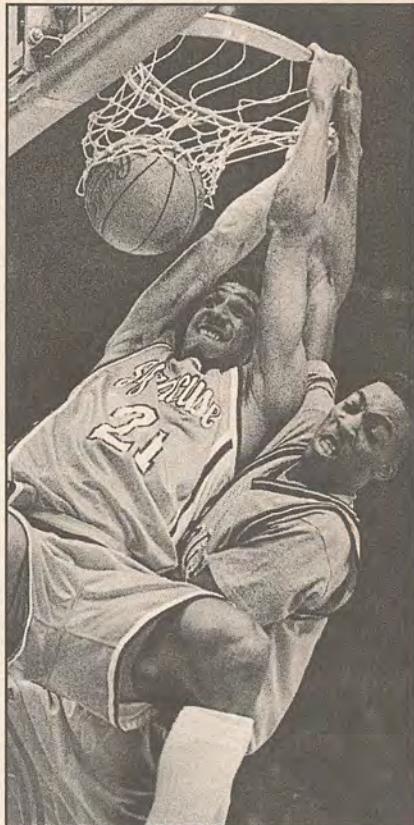
**Petersen Predicts:** 3-8.

**Bowl:** no.

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**W**here have all the great running backs gone? Remember the Big Eight, that college football bastion of the running game? Great running backs of the past roll off the tongue with the ease of naming U.S. presidents: Barry Sanders, Thurman Thomas, Billy Sims, Mike Rozier, to name but a few.

OK, now try to name all the returning Big Eight backs who rushed for more than 600 yards last year.

Calvin Jones...yep.

Drawing a blank after the Nebraska junior-to-be who led the league with 1,212 yards while playing in tandem with Derek Brown? Don't worry, because there are no more.

Yes, Jones is the lone returnee for 1993 who rushed for more than 514 yards last season since Brown (1,015 yards) opted to bypass his final two years as a Husker in favor of the NFL.

By contrast, the Big Eight is more known for its quarterbacks—passing quarterbacks for the most part, at that. Colorado's Kordell Stewart, Nebraska's Tommie Frazier, Missouri's Jeff Handy and Oklahoma's Cale Gundy return after finishing 1-2-3-4 in the conference in passing efficiency last year.

Stewart, who set a school passing record with 2,109 yards, was the nation's fifth-rated passer as a sophomore. Handy was No. 21 as a sophomore and Gundy No. 22 as a junior. Frazier, who became Nebraska's starter five games into the season as a true freshman, didn't have enough

nation's 10 most productive passing teams (Colorado and Missouri), but only one in the Top 10 in rushing (Nebraska, of course, No. 1).

That could change a little this year, as Colorado and Oklahoma, former proponents of run-only football, are intent on running the ball better and more often. Colorado will use less of its one-back set, and Oklahoma, which has the best stable of young running backs in the conference, will run more option under new coordinator Watson Brown.

Of the aforementioned quarterbacks, Frazier is the only one playing in a true option system, though Stewart is more than capable as well. Frazier's emergence last year makes Nebraska the odds-on favorite to win a second outright Big Eight title and a third straight overall (tied with Colorado in 1991).

The Huskers have more experience than Colorado or Oklahoma, and the Buffaloes suffered heavy losses from the conference's best defense a year ago. Kansas, which finished third behind Nebraska and Colorado and scored the conference's only bowl win (23-20 over Brigham Young in the Aloha), is legitimate. Still, the Jayhawks don't have the ingredient Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma possess: an experienced and proven quarterback.

Parity should arrive soon throughout the Big Eight, though the Big Three remain ahead in terms of talent. Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma State and Iowa State all should be improved and wage interesting battles for the bottom four spots.

## 1. NEBRASKA

**Offense:** True freshman Tommie Frazier became the starting quarterback five games into last season and should be a fixture there for the next three years. Like most Nebraska QBs, Frazier is an outstanding runner (399 yards, 7 TDs). He should develop into one of the better passers, though he hit only 44 of 100 passes (but threw for 720 yards and had 10 TDs

and just 1 interception). The Huskers will try to throw more and spread out the field. Though several top receivers are gone, he'll have good targets in Corey Dixon, the fastest returning player on the roster (13 catches for 279 yards), Abdul Muhammad, Riley Washington and Reggie Baul, plus tight ends Gerald Armstrong (8 catches, 7 TDs) and Trumane Bell, who was moved from wide receiver. Of course, the

strengths of the offense lie at I-back (Calvin Jones, who split time with Derek Brown, returns after rushing for a league-high 1,210 yards) and a talented offensive line. (All-America guard Will Shields and center Jim Scott must be replaced.) Ken Mehlin moves from guard to center, and Rob Zatechka from tackle to guard.

**Defense:** Longtime coordinator Charlie McBride is shaking things up. The Huskers



Jeff Resler, Oklahoma  
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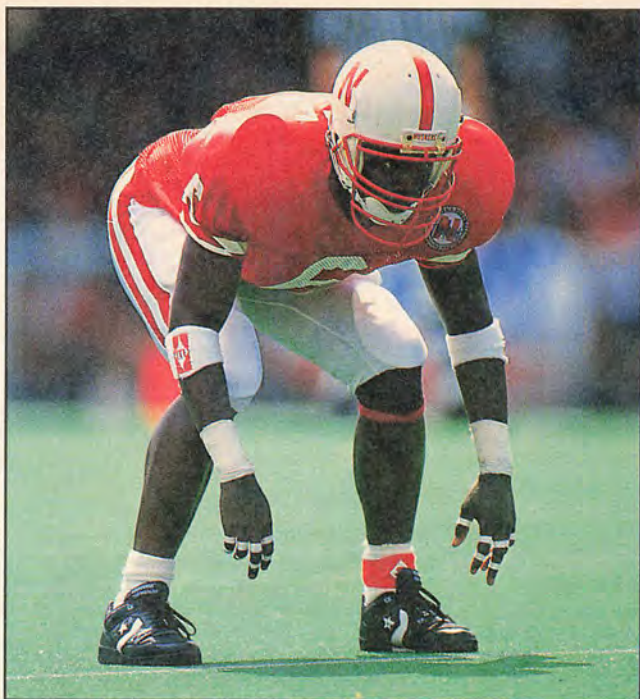


Corey Warren, Oklahoma  
PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON



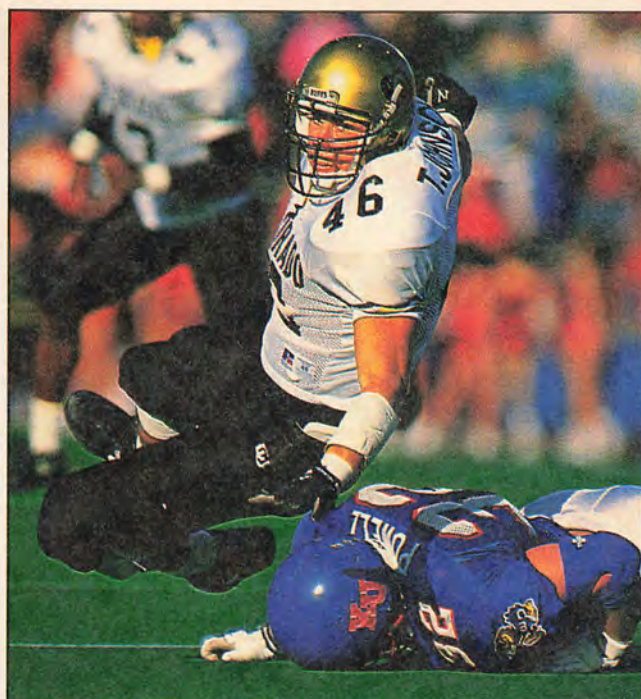
Jeff Handy, Missouri  
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**John Reece, Nebraska**

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**Ted Johnson, Colorado**

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## ON THE HOT SEAT

### 1. Oklahoma coach Gary Gibbs

*His contract ends this year, and in the four years since he replaced Barry Switzer, Gibbs is 0-8-1 against the three biggest teams on OU's schedule: Texas, Nebraska and Colorado.*

### 2. Oklahoma QB Cale Gundy

*Sooner players, upset that Steve Collins wasn't playing more at quarterback, staged a walkout at practice before last year's Nebraska game. How will Gundy handle the option?*

### 3. Kansas State coach Bill Snyder

*The Wildcats won five games in 1990 and seven in '91 to complete a miraculous turnaround, but slipped to 5-6 last year. Snyder needs a good season to keep the program going upward.*



**Hessley Hempstead, Kansas**

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**Bob Utter, Iowa State**

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used a variety of dime formations last year, and they could be a staple this year. Expect Nebraska to play it much like Washington, with multiple fronts and lots of blitzing; the intent is to keep opponents off balance and the pressure on. The 3-4 alignment will often be a 2-4-5, with a strong safety-type replacing a down lineman. Still, linebacking will be the team's strength, with Trev Alberts (73 tackles, 11

## NEBRASKA

**LOCATION:** Lincoln, Neb.

**STADIUM:** Memorial Stadium (73,650).

**COACH:** Tom Osborne (195-46-3 overall/and at Nebraska).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-3 (lost to Florida State, 27-14, in Orange Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 63.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Corey Dixon, SE, 5-8, 155, Sr. (HM All-Big Eight); Lance Lundberg, LT, 6-4, 300, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Rob Zatechka, LG, 6-5, 315, Jr.; Ken Mehlin, C, 6-0, 270, Sr.; Brenden Stai, RG, 6-4, 300, Sr.; Zach Wiegert, RT, 6-5, 310, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Gerald Armstrong, TE, 6-2, 220, Sr. (HM All-Big Eight); Tommie Frazier, QB, 6-2, 200, So.; Cory Schlesinger, FB, 6-0, 220, Jr.; Calvin Jones, IB, 5-11, 210, Jr.

**Defense**—Donta Jones, LOB, 6-2, 210, Jr.; Billy Wade, LT, 6-5, 250, Sr.; Terry Conneally, NG, 6-5, 275, Jr.; Kevin Ramaekers, RT, 6-4, 290, Sr.; Trev Alberts, ROB, 6-4, 230, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Mike Anderson, SLB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Ed Stewart, WLB, 6-0, 205, Jr.; Barron Miles, LC, 5-8, 160, Sr.; John Reece, RC, 6-0, 200, Sr.; Toby Wright, SS, 6-0, 195, Sr.; Troy Dumas, FS, 6-3, 215, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Tommie Frazier, QB; Calvin Jones, IB; Trev Alberts OLB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Clinton Childs, IB; Lawrence Phillips, IB; Lesley Dennis, CB; Justin Stevens, LB; Larry Townsend, DT; Eric Stokes, CB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Derek Brown, IB; Will Shields, OG; John Parrella, DT; Travis Hill, OLB; Tyrone Byrd, FS; Jim Scott, C.



sacks), Donta Jones and converted tackle Bruce Moore on the outside and Mike Anderson (56 tackles) and speedy Ed Stewart on the inside.

**Special Teams:** Nebraska has some work to do in replacing punter Mike Stigge. He was third in the Big Eight and 12th nationally with a 43.2 average, and the Huskers were first nationally in net punting. Kicker Byron Bennett (7 of 10 field goals) is the leading contender for the punting job. Nebraska also must replace kick returner Tyrone Hughes, who averaged 10.8 on punts and 22.3 on kickoffs.

**Environment:** The Huskers have lost six straight bowl games, and last year's title was only the second outright (third overall) since 1984. Sometimes, it seems, coach Tom Osborne can't win for merely winning.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Huskers play four conference games at home and probably won't be tested until they go to Colorado Oct. 30 and Kansas the following week.

**Outlook:** Most of the elements are in place for a third straight trip to the Orange Bowl, despite some defensive question marks. Unless he suffers from "sophomortitis," Frazier should make the offense better, and the defense should be as good as any in the Big Eight.

**Petersen Predicts:** 9-2.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 2. COLORADO

**Offense:** Colorado was strictly a one-back team last year. That will change in the wake of finishing 100th nationally in rushing offense (103.5 yards per game), almost overshadowing the fact the Buffaloes were sixth in passing. Look for CU to use more double-tight end or two-back sets, possibly incorporating an H-back into both. Lamont Warren (512 yards, down from 830 in 1991) and James Hill (362) return along with promising young runners Rashaan Salaam and Nathan Campbell. The passing game still will be featured. Kordell Stewart threw for a school-record 2,109 yards while battling three different injuries. He has some outstanding receivers in Michael Westbrook (school-record 76 catches), Charles Johnson (57 for a 20.16-yard average) and tight end Christian Fauria (31). The return to top form of guard Craig Anderson, recovering from mid-season knee surgery, would be a big boost.

**Defense:** Colorado led the Big Eight in total defense and was third nationally in passing efficiency defense last year; a good reason for these stats was they had five first-team all-conference picks. The bad news is all five are gone, and it's time for young talent to step forward. Look for Shannon Clavelle and Darius Holland, who filled in at nose tackle for injured Jeff Runner, to help make up for the early departure of tackle Leonard Renfro. Junior Jon Knutson takes over at inside linebacker for Greg Biekert, the steadying influence on the defense, while All-Big Eight free safety Chris Hudson (34 tackles, 4 interceptions) moves back to cornerback, where he'll replace Jim Thorpe Award winner Deon Figures.

**Special Teams:** Mitch Berger had a frustrating junior year. He led the Big Eight in punting (47.0 average) as Colorado fin-

## COLORADO

**LOCATION:** Boulder, Colo.

**STADIUM:** Folsom Field (51,941).

**COACH:** Bill McCartney (74-51-4 overall/and at Colorado).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-2-1 (lost to Syracuse, 26-22, in Fiesta Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 40.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—T.J. Cunningham, FL, 6-0, 190, So.; Michael Westbrook, WB, 6-4, 210, Jr.; Tony Berti, LT, 6-6, 270, Jr.; Clint Moore, LG, 6-4, 295, Jr.; Bryan Stoltenberg, C, 6-2, 280, So.; Craig Anderson, RG, 6-4, 298, Sr.; Derek West, RT, 6-8, 295, Jr.; Christian Fauria, TE, 6-4, 235, Jr.; Charles Johnson, SE, 6-1, 185, Sr.; Kordell Stewart, QB, 6-3, 210, Jr.; James Hill, RB, 6-0, 210, Sr.

**Defense**—Ron Woolfork, OLB, 6-4, 240, Sr.; Darius Holland, LT, 6-5, 285, Jr.; Jeff Brunner, NT, 6-2, 270, Sr.; Brian Dyet, RT, 6-6, 260, Sr.; Sam Rogers, OLB, 6-3, 250, Sr.; Ted Johnson, SLB, 6-4, 235, Jr.; Jon Knutson, WLB, 6-4, 240, Jr.; Chris Hudson, LC, 5-11, 190, Jr.; Dalton Simmons, RC, 6-1, 180, So.; Greg Lindsey, QB, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Dwayne Davis, FS, 6-2, 205, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Kordell Stewart, QB; James Hill, RB; Lamont Warren, RB; Ted Johnson, OLB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Nathan Campbell, RB; Kyle Smith, NT; Allen Wilbon, ILB; Desmond Dennis, OLB; Mike Phillips, OLB; Ron Merkerson, ILB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Deon Figures, CB; Ronnie Bradford, CB; Chad Brown, OLB; Leonard Renfro, DT; Greg Biekert, ILB; Jim Hansen, OT.

ished second nationally in net punting, but struggled when called on to replace injured place-kicker Pat Blottiaux.

**Environment:** Is Coach Bill McCartney suffering from Tom Osborne Syndrome? He has won at least eight games the last five seasons, but has only one bowl win to show for it (and a 1-6 bowl record overall). The Buffs haven't won a Big Eight title out-

right since the 1990 national championship season, but had two of the nation's best recruiting classes in '91 and '92. This year's slipped a bit, but the talent is there.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** You'd be hard-pressed to find a more demanding non-conference schedule. The Buffs open with Texas and Baylor at home, then go to Stanford (they lost there two years ago) and return home to face Miami. The Big Eight title could be decided Oct. 30 in Boulder when Nebraska—which humiliated Colorado 52-7 last year—comes to town.

**Outlook:** Elliot Uzelac should improve Colorado's blocking and rushing game, making the Colorado offense better than the one that averaged 400 yards and 29 points per game. Yet how can the defense be improved? And can Berger bounce back as a place-kicker?

**Petersen Predicts:** 9-2.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 3. OKLAHOMA

**Offense:** Quarterback Cale Gundy threw 55 more passes last year than he did in 1991 and set virtually every Oklahoma passing record as he threw for 1,914 yards. Gundy's arm might not get as much of a workout his senior season under new coordinator Watson Brown, who plans to incorporate more option in the Sooner attack and, hopefully, produce more OU-like rushing numbers. Oklahoma was 49th nationally in rushing last year at 162.4 yards per game and 3.9 per carry. Gundy is decent on the option, but the bulk of the yards probably will come from young tailbacks James Allen (true freshman) and Jeff Frazier (redshirt freshman), two of a slew of talented young backs in the program. They're so good that top returning rusher Earnest Williams (514 yards, 5.1 average) probably won't start. When throwing the ball, Gundy needs to cut down a 15-9 inter-

## ALL-BIG EIGHT

**First-team offense:** QB Kordell Stewart, Colorado; RB Derek Brown, Nebraska; RB James Hill, Colorado; WR Michael Westbrook, Colorado; WR Kenny Holly, Missouri; TE Dwight Chandler, Kansas; T Zach Wiegert, Nebraska; T Doug Skartvedt, Iowa State; G Mike Bedosky, Missouri; G Jeff Resler, Oklahoma; C Quentin Neujahr, Kansas State; K Dan Eichloff, Kansas; KR James McMillon, Iowa State.

**First-team defense:** DE Jason Gildon, Oklahoma State; DE Aubrey Beavers, Oklahoma; DT Chris Maumalanga, Kansas; T Troy Petersen, Iowa State; OLB Ron Woolfork, Colorado; OLB Trev Alberts, Nebraska; ILB Keith Burns, Oklahoma State; CB Chris Hudson, Colorado; CB Kitt Rawlings, Kansas State; S Jaime Mendez, Kansas State; S Kwamie Lassiter, Kansas; P Mitch Berger, Colorado.

**Second-team offense:** QB Tommie Frazier, Nebraska; RB George White, Kansas; RB Earnest Williams, Oklahoma; WR Shannon Culver, Oklahoma State; TE Christian Fauria, Colorado; T Lance Lundbert, Nebraska; T Jason Comer, Oklahoma; G John Jones, Kansas; G Hessley Hempstead, Kansas; C Ken Mehlin, Nebraska; K Scott Blanton, Oklahoma; KR Corey Dixon, Nebraska.

**Second-team defense:** DE John Butler, Kansas State; DE Rick Lyle, Missouri; T Cedric Jones, Oklahoma; T Shannon Clavelle, Colorado; OLB Richie Ansley; OLB Donta Jones, Nebraska; ILB Travis McDonald, Missouri; ILB Larry Thiel, Kansas; CB Jason Oliver, Missouri; S Scott Harmon, Oklahoma State; S Dwayne Davis, Colorado; P Scott Tyner, Oklahoma State.



ception/touchdown pass ratio. Corey Warren (35 catches), Albert Hall (21, 4 TDs) and P.J. Mills (18) head a good group of receivers.

**Defense:** Injuries crippled the defensive front last year, but the Sooners still finished second in the league and 20th nationally in total defense (302.5 yard average) and were especially tough against the run. Graduation losses were minimal, so Oklahoma should be better this year. In the front three Robert Allen and Cedric Jones played often as true freshmen, and Joe Correia, moved from end to nose guard, showed flashes as a JC transfer hobbled by injuries. Aubrey Beavers (63 tackles, 11½ sacks) and Mike Coats (team-high 95 tackles) lead a good linebacking corps. The secondary, which had some trouble defending the pass, returns three starters, the best of whom may be free safety Maylon Wesley (56 tackles).

**Special Teams:** Scott Blanton gives Oklahoma an excellent place-kicker. He has made his last 12 attempts—a conference record—and was 16 of 18 last year. Replacing punter Brad Reddell won't be easy. He averaged 41.9 yards and Oklahoma was 13th in net punting. Blanton and freshman recruit Tim Daughtry are the top candidates.

**Environment:** For all of his off-field accomplishments (improved academic performances and discipline), Gary Gibbs still has found Oklahoma fans tough to please. Last year's 5-4-2 record didn't help.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The second game, a Sept. 11 home date with Texas A&M, should tell a lot about this Oklahoma team. The Sooners need to build some momentum in the first four for a three-week stretch of Texas, Colorado and Kansas.

## OKLAHOMA

**LOCATION:** Norman, Okla.

**STADIUM:** Owen Field (74,993).

**COACH:** Gary Gibbs (29-14-2 overall/and at Oklahoma).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-5-2.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 44.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Albert Hall, SE, 5-11, 186, Jr.; Rickey Brady, TE, 6-4, 243, Sr.; Ben Cavil, LT, 6-2, 287, So.; Broderick Roberson, LG, 6-2, 294, Jr.; Chuck Langston, C, 6-1, 257, So.; Jeff Resler, RG, 6-2, 267, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big Eight); J.R. Conrad, RT, 6-5, 278, So.; Corey Warren, FL, 5-11, 196, Sr. (HM All-Big Eight); Cale Gundy, QB, 6-0, 193, Sr. (HM All-Big Eight); Dwayne Chandler, FB, 6-0, 212, So.; Jeff Frazier, TB, 6-2, 207, Fr.

**Defense—**Aubrey Beavers, LOB, 6-2, 232, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Russell Allen, LE, 6-6, 292, Sr.; Joe Correia, NG, 6-4, 278, Sr.; Cedric Jones, RE, 6-4, 249, So.; Brent DeQuasie, ROB, 6-3, 211, So.; Tremayne Green, WLB, 6-0, 231, Jr.; Mike Coats, SLB, 6-0, 230, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Darius Johnson, LC, 5-9, 172, So.; William Shankle, RC, 6-0, 196, Sr.; John Anderson, SS, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Maylon Wesley, FS, 5-10, 175, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Cale Gundy, QB; Jeff Frazier, TB; Aubrey Beavers, OLB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** James Allen, TB; Jeff Frazier, TB; Joe Carollo, OT.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Dewell Brewer, RB; Kenyon Rasheed, FB; Reggie Barnes, OLB; Darnell Walker, CB.

**Outlook:** The Sooners have talent, but could be a team on the brink of going either way if things start to go bad, as was the case last year.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 4. KANSAS

**Offense:** Though the Jayhawks lost the Big Eight's third- and fifth-leading rushers (Maurice Douglas and Monte Cozzens), replacing quarterback Chip Hilleary is Coach Glen Mason's primary concern. A three-year starter, Hilleary threw for 1,583 yards and 12 TDs last year, but also rushed for 537 yards (sixth best in the conference) and six TDs. Frederick Thomas was unimpressive in relief of Hilleary last year and isn't considered a good passer. Sophomore Ashiki Preston is a possibility, but JC transfer Rodney Hogan, who led the Jayhawk Conference in passing last year, will get a close look in the fall. George White (427 yards) should adequately replace Douglas, though Kansas could rotate its tailbacks.

**Defense:** Kansas lost two excellent defensive tackles in Dana Stubblefield and Gilbert Brown, but there's plenty of talent back from a defense that led the Big Eight in rushing defense (125.7). Chris Maumalanga should be the next star. Free safety Kwamie Lassiter leads a secondary that returns three of four starters and was 38th nationally in pass efficiency defense with twice as many interceptions as touchdowns (16-8). However, most of KU's top pass rushers from '92 are gone.

**Special Teams:** Dan Eichloff has been the All-Big Eight kicker two straight years. He hit 16-of-20 field-goal tries to bring his career totals to 49-of-65. Mason is contemplating relieving Eichloff of punting duties. His average slipped from 42.3 to 40.6 last year, though Kansas was 18th nationally in net punting; JC transfer Darren Hunter may get the nod.

**Environment:** Things are looking up in Lawrence in the wake of Kansas' first bowl appearance since 1981. Mason received a five-year contract extension, which should end rumors he'll look elsewhere. Mason has also managed to keep his coaching staff intact for the last three years.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:**

Kansas' rise to Big Eight prominence resulted in a Kickoff Classic date against Florida State, which should be a mismatch in terms of speed. A key non-conference game will be Sept. 11 at Michigan State; it's sandwiched between very winnable home games with Western Carolina and Utah.

**Outlook:** Kansas may be lacking the skill players needed to make it a true contender in the Big Eight, but Mason's teams are tough, and the Jayhawks are up there with the best defensive teams in the conference. If a quarterback comes through, Kansas should see postseason action again.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 5. KANSAS STATE

**Offense:** The Wildcats offensive production trailed off noticeably last year. Kansas State scored 19 points or fewer in six games and finished 104th nationally in total

offense and 89th on scoring. Quarterback Jason Smargiasso struggled, throwing nine interceptions and just three touchdowns while amassing 319 yards in rushing losses. He threw for 526 yards in his first three games, but only 464 in the last eight. A veteran line didn't play up to par, either. Smargiasso is back, but will have to hold off Chad May, one of two important transfers from Cal State-Fullerton. Kansas State must replace its top receiver (Gerald Benton, 38 catches) and running back (Eric Gallon, 705 yards). Andre Coleman (25 catches) and tight end Brian Rees (13) lead the receiving corps, while J.J. Smith (232 yards) should provide the 'Cats with more big plays than Gallon. Two line starters are gone, but Cal State-Fullerton transfer Bryan Campbell, who started at guard at Colorado in 1990, should help.

**Defense:** Kansas State has made large strides on defense under Head Coach Bill Snyder, but this season will test the quality of KSU's depth and recruiting. The Wildcats lost six players in the front four who had a combined 18 letters, and all three starting linebackers, the strength of last year's defense, are gone. There are seven players again up front who started in at least one game, led by end John Butler (73 tackles, 5 sacks). Jaime Mendez, a two-time all-conference pick, anchors a secondary that loses only one starter.

**Special Teams:** Replacing the coach's son won't be easy. Sean Snyder was the All-Big Eight punter last year after averaging 44.65 yards, second-best in the conference and fourth nationally. Receiver Henry

## KANSAS

**LOCATION:** Lawrence, Kan.

**STADIUM:** Memorial Stadium (50,250).

**COACH:** Glen Mason (34-40-1 overall/22-31-1 at Kansas).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 8-4 (beat Brigham Young, 23-20, in Aloha Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 38.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Ashaundal Smith, WR, 5-6, 155; So.; Rod Jones, LT, 6-4, 260, So.; Hessley Hempstead, LG, 6-1, 287, Jr.; Dan Schmidt, C, 6-2, 275, Sr.; John Jones, RG, 6-2, 285, Jr. (1st-team All-Big Eight); Mark Allison, RT, 6-3, 280, So.; Dwayne Chandler, TE, 6-3, 240, Sr. (1st-team All-Big Eight); Rodney Harris, WR, 6-5, 210, Jr.; Frederick Thomas, QB, 6-0, 180, Jr.; Chris Powell, FB, 5-11, 215, Jr.; George White, TB, 5-10, 178, Sr.

**Defense—**Guy Howard, DE, 6-3, 230, Sr.; Chris Maumalanga, DT, 6-3, 290, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Mike Steele, DT, 6-4, 275, Sr.; Sylvester Wright, DE, 6-2, 240, Jr.; Don Davis, OLB, 6-1, 220, Jr.; Larry Thiel, MLB, 6-3, 220, Sr. (HM All-Big Eight); Ronnie Ward, OLB, 6-2, 215, So.; Robert Vaughn, CB, 6-0, 190, Sr. (HM All-Big Eight); Gerald McBurrows, CB, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Keith Rodgers, SS, 6-1, 187, So.; Kwamie Lassiter, FS, 6-1, 175, Sr. (1st-team All-Big Eight).

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Frederick Thomas, QB; Dan Eichloff, P/K; Chris Maumalanga, DT.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Mark Sanders, TB; Rodney Hogan, QB; Robert Reed, WR; Tony Blevins, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Dana Stubblefield, DT; Gilbert Brown, DT; Chip Hilleary, QB; Maurice Douglas, TB; Keith Lonekar, OT; Hassan Bailey, OLB; Charley Bowen, SS; Matt Gay, WR; Monte Cozzens, FB; Kyle Moore, DE.



Smalls and kicker Warren Classen, plus freshman recruit Chad Romano, will vie to replace Snyder. Classen and Tate Wright shared the kicking chores last year, Wright hitting 5-of-5 field goals, and Classen, who has the stronger leg, 2-of-4. Coleman averaged a healthy 24.5 yards on kickoff returns, but Kansas State must replace Benton, who averaged 8.5 yards on 32 punt returns.

**Environment:** Snyder, now in his fifth year, has done wonders with what once was the doormat of the conference and one of the worst programs in the country. Kansas State has attained respectability and continues to upgrade its facilities. Snyder has his program right at the scholarship limit. He has also done remarkably well keeping most of his staff intact throughout his five years.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** One reason Snyder has won 17 games the last three seasons is a soft non-conference schedule. This year's isn't much different since KSU plays New Mexico State, Western Kentucky and Nevada-Las Vegas at home. A Sept. 18 road game at improving Minnesota figures to be the toughest non-league test. Western Kentucky is a I-AA team that replaced a road game with I-A Eastern Michigan. Last year K-State dropped a I-AA team for I-A Utah State and lost. Immediately following the non-conference games, the Wildcats play Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Oklahoma in succession, but get all except Nebraska in Manhattan. Will they have enough left?

**Outlook:** This is a crucial year for Snyder, since the Wildcats dropped from 7-4 in 1991 to 5-6 (and a three-way tie for last in the Big Eight at 2-5) last year. A rejuvenated offense would help, but there are still plenty of questions on defense.

**Petersen Predicts:** 7-4.

**Bowl:** no.

## 6. OKLAHOMA STATE

**Offense:** Last year's move of Rafael Denson from tailback to wide receiver added variety to the Cowboys offense. At times OSU employed a three-wideout, one-running back set, while on other occasions it operated out of the more traditional I-formation. Oklahoma State certainly has enough quality receivers to make full use of the one-back if Coach Pat Jones chooses. Denson (22 catches), conference Offensive Newcomer of the Year Shannon Culver (team-high 41 catches), Mark Cheatwood and Purdue transfer Asaf Harris all are good targets, though the long ball wasn't a big part of the offense. The Cowboys want to deploy Denson much the way Notre Dame did Raghbi Ismail. Jones hopes for more consistent play from sophomore quarterback Gary Porter, a free spirit who completed 51 percent of his passes for 1,280 yards, but had a 14-7 interception-touchdown pass ratio. John White (368 yards) is a more versatile back than Mark Williams (316) and plays more in the one-back sets. Roger Franks and Marc Spatz are good blocking fullbacks. The Cowboys are set up front, with starters returning at all five interior positions.

**Defense:** The Cowboys only return four starters in their 4-3 alignment, but they're quite a quartet around which to build. Cat-

## KANSAS STATE

**LOCATION:** Manhattan, Kan.

**STADIUM:** KSU Stadium (42,000).

**COACH:** Bill Snyder (18-26 overall/and at Kansas State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-5.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Andre Coleman, WR, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Mitch Running, WR, 6-0, 180, So.; Brian Rees, TE, 6-5, 245, Jr.; Jim Hmielewski, RT, 6-7, 295, Jr.; Eric Wolford, RG, 6-2, 280, Sr.; Quentin Neujahr, 6-4, 285, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Jeff Smith, LG, 6-1, 260, So.; Barrett Brooks, RT, 6-5, 285, Jr.; Jason Smargiasso, QB, 6-2, 220, Sr.; Rod Schiller, FB, 6-0, 215, Jr.; J.J. Smith, RB, 6-0, 205, Jr.

**Defense**—John Butler, DE, 6-2, 225, Sr. (HM All-Big Eight); Tim Colston, DT, 6-1, 255, So.; Darrell Harbert, NT, 6-1, 275, Jr. (HM All-Big Eight); Dirk Ochs, DT, 6-4, 240, So.; Laird Veatch, LB, 6-3, 225, Jr.; Kirby Hocutt, LB, 5-10, 210, Jr.; Derrick McBride, LB, 6-2, 210, Jr.; Kitt Rawlings, LC, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Thomas Randolph, RC, 5-10, 175, Sr. (HM All-Big Eight); Tom Byers, SS, 6-1, 205, Sr.; Jaime Mendez, FS, 6-0, 200, Sr. (1st-team All-Big Eight).

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Jason Smargiasso, QB; J.J. Smith, RB; John Butler, DE.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Chad May, QB; Bryan Campbell, OT; Scott Heun, OG; Chad Romano, P.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Eric Gallon, RB; Gerald Benton, WR; Brooks Barta, LB; Ekwensi Griffith, DL; Jody Killian, DL; Brent Venables, LB; Chris Patterson, LB.

quick end Jason Gildon (77 tackles, 10 sacks) is one of the conference's best, and middle linebacker Keith Burns (126 tackles, 16 total for losses) was the Big Eight Defensive Newcomer of the Year. Free safety Scott Harmon (5 interceptions, 90 tackles) twice has been second-team all-league and outside linebacker Richie Ansley (72 tackles). All four are capable of making big plays (12 caused fumbles between them in 1991). Finding replacements in the front four and secondary will be central for a defense that was 52nd nationally in total defense (353.9 yards per game) and 55th in scoring (22.8 points), but ranked seventh in the Big Eight in both categories.

**Special Teams:** Kicking and punting was a concern going into last year, but freshman kicker Lawson Vaughn hit 8-of-15 field goals and junior-college transfer punter Scott Tyner ranked fifth in the Big Eight and 25th nationally with a 41.8 average. Both are back. The Cowboys could stand improvement in net punting—they were seventh in the conference and 52nd nationally with a 35.2 average—and both returns. (Harmon averaged 6.8 on 18 punt returns, while Denson, White and Harmon were primarily responsible for a 17.4 team kickoff return average.)

**Environment:** The Cowboys made the third-best single-season turnaround in Division I-A from 1991-92, going from 0-10-1 in their first year off NCAA probation to 4-6-1 despite closing 0-3-1 (tie with Oklahoma). Jones has done an excellent job steering the program through the probation and subsequent scholarship drops, and the Cowboys are now poised to challenge for a first-division finish. New recruiting coordinator Bruce Cowdrey landed a

good first class and has taken OSU recruiting into some NFL cities in an attempt to cash in on the names of alumni like Barry Sanders and Thurman Thomas.

### Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:

Oklahoma State went 2-2 in the non-conference last year and has a good chance for a 3-1 start, getting TCU at home (the Horned Frogs won 13-11 in Fort Worth) and replacing Michigan with Arizona State on the road. A Sept. 18 game at Tulsa and the Oct. 2 TCU game are important because OSU opens Big Eight play Oct. 7 at home against Nebraska. Home games the following two weeks vs. Missouri and Iowa State will be crucial because, though three of the final four are at home, they're against Kansas, Colorado and Kansas State.

**Outlook:** The key for the Cowboys could be offensive consistency. Perhaps as a result of in-season changes, they were blanked in three games (including two of the final three) and managed just a field goal against Michigan and finished 103rd nationally in total offense, 97th in rushing and scoring. Jones probably can't count on his defense they way he did last year.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-5.

**Bowl:** no.

## 7. MISSOURI

**Offense:** There's never been any doubt about the Tigers' ability to throw the ball during Bob Stull's four years as head coach. The Tigers ranked second in the conference and seventh nationally in passing offense last year (293.0 yards per game), but still had difficulty running the ball and scoring. Despite going to a more conventional two-back/tight-end alignment last year, Missouri dropped to 106th of 107

## OKLAHOMA STATE

**LOCATION:** Stillwater, Okla.

**STADIUM:** Lewis Field (50,440).

**COACH:** Pat Jones (56-45-2 overall/and at Oklahoma).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-6-1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 38.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Shannon Culver, SE, 5-10, 150, Sr. (HM All-Big Eight); Rafael Denson, ZB, 5-8, 175, Jr. (HM All-Big Eight); Matt Jose, LT, 6-4, 290, Sr.; Anthony Greenlee, LG, 6-1, 300, Sr.; Scott Hall, C, 6-2, 290, Sr.; Scott Waterbury, RG, 6-5, 250, So.; Mike Butler, RT, 6-2, 295, Sr.; Mark Cheatwood, FL, 5-9, 175, Jr.; Gary Porter, QB, 6-1, 210, So.; Roger Franks, FB, 6-2, 242, Sr.; John White, TB, 5-11, 220, Sr.

**Defense**—Jason Gildon, LE, 6-4, 230, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Jason Bufford, LT, 6-0, 250, Jr.; Lorenzo Green, RT, 6-3, 250, Jr.; Tyler Williams, RE, 6-2, 240, Jr.; Richie Ansley, SLB, 6-2, 240, Sr.; Keith Burns, MLB, 6-2, 235, Sr. (1st-team All-Big Eight); Eric Hobbs, WLB, 6-0, 225, Jr.; Jittu Criddle, LC, 6-1, 185, Fr.; Cleavon Williams, RC, 5-10, 178, Jr.; Charles Verner, SS, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Scott Harmon, FS, 5-8, 190, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Eight).

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Gary Potter, QB; Rafael Denson, ZB; Jason Gildon, DE; Keith Burns, MLB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Jittu Criddle, CB; Eric Hobbs, OLB; Cleavon Williams, CB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Mike Woolridge, DE; David Brooks, DT; Elmer Williams, DT; Todd Fisher, CB; Terry Henley, CB; Carlos Erving, OLB; Chaucer Funchess, OLB.



Division I-A teams in rushing offense (91.9) and was 75th in scoring (19.5 per game). The Tigers will be able to throw again with Jeff Handy (school-record 2,463 yards), who'll be ably backed by former starter Phil Johnson, going to a bevy of fine receivers led by Kenny Holly (60 catches, 663 yards). All-Big Eight Mike Bedosky is the only full-time returning starter in the line, and running game improvement may have to come from first-year players.

**Defense:** Missouri continues to show improvement, but still has a way to go. The Tigers allowed about 100 fewer yards and 14 points per game last year than in 1991, but still were 103rd nationally against the run. Skip Hall, who replaces Don Lindsey, coached the No. 1 rushing defense in the nation in I-AA ball two years ago at Boise State as the defensive coordinator. He has something to work with as Rick Lyle, George Hunt and Steve Martin are returning starters in the front four; linebackers Travis McDonald and Darryl Major are a good pair. The secondary was hurt last year by long passes and perimeter runs, and rover Maurice Benson will be missed.

**Special Teams:** Replacing Jeff Jacke; a steady kicker, is the main concern; punter Kyle Pooler seems to be the leading candidate. Pooler won the kicking job three games into 1992, but was last among the conference's regulars with a 28.4 average while Missouri was eighth in net punting. The Tigers hope freshman Rahsetnu Jenkins will beef up a poor return game. Missouri was 92nd nationally in punt returns and dead last in kickoff returns.

**Environment:** There's cause for some optimism in Columbia. Would you believe Missouri has the longest active winning-streak among Big Eight teams at two? The Tigers signed one of Stull's two best recruiting classes this year and added assistant coach Curtis Jones, a former MU player from St. Louis who should help further recruiting efforts in that city. Missouri gave Stull a two-year contract extension following last season.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** It's a tough start again with Illinois and Texas A&M first up and then a road game at up-and-down West Virginia before hosting SMU. Stull probably would take 2-2, but 1-3 might be more realistic. The Tigers get Iowa State and Oklahoma State, teams they're capable of beating at home, but must play at Kansas State and Kansas, teams they beat to finish last season.

**Outlook:** Experience won't be a big problem for the Tigers, who return 13 players who started at least five games and 26 who started at least one. Still Missouri must continue its improvement on defense, run the ball better and learn to score if it hopes to improve much on last year's record.

**Petersen Predicts:** 4-7.

**Bowl:** no.

## 8. IOWA STATE

**Offense:** Head Coach Jim Walden can't feel too secure about going into the second year of his option offense with a quarterback who missed the final four games of 1992 after suffering his second concussion of the season. Nevertheless, Bob Utter will be the man. Utter is a decent runner and good passer for an option QB (50-of-86,

712 yards last year), but running is the staple of the wishbone-type attack. Iowa State was third in the conference and 24th nationally in rushing offense (205.6 yards per game) last year and should improve with another year of the offense. Fullback Chris Ulrich (474 yards) is the top returning rusher, but there's good breakaway speed in young halfbacks Calvin Branch, Graston Norris and Artis Garriss to go with veterans Jim Knott and James McMillion. There's also more speed at wide receiver in James Brooks (six receptions) and Brandon Hughes (seven). Lamont Harris was moved from halfback to wide receiver. The line lost two key starters, but led by tackle Doug Skartvedt, could be better than during an injury-riddled '92 campaign.

**Defense:** Not surprisingly, Iowa State played much better against the run than the pass last year. Normally, that would be fine, but the Big Eight is developing into more of a passing conference than in years past. However, with Oklahoma and Colorado trying to run the ball more this year, the Cyclones should fare better. There are some big holes to fill this year, particularly at linebacker and in the secondary, where only two starters return (outside linebacker Marcus Allen and strong safety Kevin Fulton). Fulton had 60 tackles last year. The defensive interior is strong with tackles Troy Petersen (77 tackles) and Todd Miller (45 tackles), but both ends in the 4-3 alignment must be replaced. Anthony Scott and George Conditt have playing experience at end. Tim Sanders, a medical redshirt in '92, is expected to replace Malcolm Goodwin at middle linebacker, and Jeff Cole, the other outside linebacker, was a top backup last year.

**Special Teams:** For all categories Iowa

## MISSOURI

**LOCATION:** Columbia, Mo.

**STADIUM:** Faurot Field (62,000).

**COACH:** Bob Stull (43-59-1 overall/12-31-1 at Missouri).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 3-8.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 41.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Brian Sallee, WR, 6-3, 202, Jr.; Tim Alvarado, LT, 6-7, 287, Sr.; Matt Pearce, LG, 6-3, 266, Sr.; Matt Burgess, C, 6-3, 272, Sr.; Mike Bedosky, RG, 6-5, 288, Sr. (1st-team All-Big Eight); Trey O'Neil, 6-6, 267, Jr.; TE, A.J. Ofodile, 6-7, 260, Jr.; Kenny Holly, WR, 6-0, 178, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Jeff Handy, QB, 6-3, 210, Jr. (HM All-Big Eight); Antwan Johnson, FB, 6-1, 213, So.; Joe Freeman, TB, 5-10, 176, Jr.

**Defense**—Earl Brooks, DE, 6-0, 211, Sr.; Rick Lyle, DT, 6-6, 281, Sr.; George Hunt, NT, 6-3, 288, Sr.; Marc Pedrotti, E, 6-4, 227, Jr.; Darryl Major, LB, 6-2, 238, Jr.; Travis McDonald, LB, 6-2, 220, Jr. (HM All-Big Eight); Detrick Wells, 6-0, 215, Jr.; Jerome Madison, RV, 6-0, 183, Jr.; Kevin McIntosh, LC, 6-0, 175, Jr. (HM All-Big Eight); Jason Oliver, RC, 5-10, 169, Sr. (HM All-Big Eight); Andre White, FS, 6-1, 198, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Jeff Handy, QB; Joe Freeman or any other TB; Rick Lyle, DT; Kevin McIntosh, CB; Jason Oliver, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Mark Jackson, TB; Raphael Boyd, TB; Felix Lindsey, RB; Kyle Black, WR; Lou Shepherd, WR; Rahsetnu Jenkins, WR/KR; Derrick Miller, CB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Maurice Benson, RV; Victor Bailey, WR; Jeff Jacke, K.

## IOWA STATE

**LOCATION:** Ames, Iowa.

**STADIUM:** Cyclone Stadium-Jack Trice Field (50,000).

**COACH:** Jim Walden (69-91-6 overall/25-39-2 at school).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-7.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 31.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—James Brooks, SE, 5-11, 167, Jr.; Doug Skartvedt, LT, 6-3, 290, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Jim Thompson, LG, 6-5, 252, So.; Tony Booth, C, 6-3, 282, Jr.; Mark Konopka, RG, 6-3, 288, So.; Brian Wilkinson, RT, 6-5, 280, Jr.; Dan Dostal, TE, 6-5, 246, Jr.; Bob Utter, QB, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Chris Ulrich, FB, 5-10, 208, Sr.; Artis Garriss, LH, 5-9, 177, So.; Jim Knott, RH, 6-0, 203, Jr.

**Defense**—George Conditt, LE, 6-5, 253, Sr.; Todd Miller, LT, 6-4, 252, Sr.; Troy Petersen, RT, 6-4, 271, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big Eight); Anthony Scott, RE, 6-3, 234, Jr.; Jeff Cole, SLB, 6-1, 223, Jr.; Tim Sanders, MLB, 6-0, 210, Fr.; Marcus Allen, WLB, 6-3, 200, Jr.; Weylan Harding, LC, 5-10, 184, Jr.; Kevin Lazard, RC, 6-0, 189, Sr.; Kevin Fulton, SS, 6-1, 193, Jr.; Cedric Linwood, 5-11, 173, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Bob Utter, QB; Tim Sanders, MLB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Tim Sanders, MLB; Graston Norris, RB; Todd Doxzon, QB; Robby Duncan, QB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Mark Doubrava, FS; Dan Watkins, DT; Malcolm Goodwin, Dan Milner, OLB; Todd McClish, OG; Scott Armbrust, C; Chris Spencer, SE.

State's special teams were among the best in the conference last year. James McMillion is back after returning three punts for touchdowns and averaging 18.9 yards per return, second-best in the nation. Also back is kickoff returner Brooks (19.18 average) and kicker Ty Stewart (10 of 16 field goals as a sophomore). Backup QB Donnie Smith could replace punter Jon Schnoor (41.0 average, 24th nationally in net punting).

**Environment:** Walden, who has long complained about scholarship restrictions working against the have-nots, can no longer complain. He's expected to have 88 players on scholarship this fall, one under the NCAA limit. This despite signing just 20 players this year. Though he has had just one winning season in six years, Walden is signed at the school through 1997.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Most coaches wouldn't complain, but Walden says this could be Iowa State's toughest non-conference schedule in his seven years at the school. The Cyclones open with Northern Illinois and in-state rival Iowa at home and should take a 1-1 record to road games at improving Wisconsin and Rice. ISU has four home conference games, but two are against Oklahoma (Oct. 2) and Colorado (Nov. 20, one week after playing at Nebraska). The Cyclones had better clean up during a four-game stretch between the conference's Big Three.

**Outlook:** Walden always seems to get the most from his offense, and if he keeps his quarterbacks healthy the Cyclones should be better offensively. The question is whether the defense can stay at least as good as last year and come up with efforts like holding Nebraska to 246 yards and 10 points.

**Petersen Predicts:** 3-8.

**Bowl:** no.



# BIG TEN

By Chris McCosky

**N**ot that Big Ten officials were anxious for Penn State to join the conference or anything, but in the fall of 1990, three years before the Nittany Lions would play their first conference football game, Big Ten officials began to include Penn State facts and feats in the conference media guide.

Suddenly, John Cappelletti was one of the Big Ten's Heisman Trophy winners. Suddenly, the Big Ten produced national champions in 1982 and 1986.

You get the idea, right? Instant credibility. Now as Coach Joe Paterno prepares his charges for their first Big Ten season, the league needs a credibility boost in the worst way. Only three teams managed .500 or better records last year, an ignoble feat that has happened only twice in the past two decades and not since 1976. The last time the Big Ten sent just three teams to bowl games was 1980. True to form, two of the three teams lost last season, bringing the Big Ten's bowl record since 1975 (the year Big Ten teams were allowed to play in bowls other than the Rose Bowl) to an embarrassing 29-43-1.

Penn State to the rescue? "Penn State is going to have a great impact on the league," said ESPN college football analyst Gary Danielson, a former Purdue quarterback. "It will improve the Big Ten's credibility no matter what happens.

"If they have a good season, obviously, that will help. If they don't have a good season, then the other teams in the conference gain credibility by beating them."

That, of course, is the optimist's sentiment. Here's the other side:

"Credibility?" said another ESPN analyst, former Indiana head coach Lee Corso. "They were 6-5 [last year] and then lost their bowl game. What kind of credibility is that? I don't think Penn State is going to dominate or have the kind of major impact on this conference that people think."

Indeed, last season was a struggle for Penn State. It lost two of its top three quarterbacks and five of its final seven

27 years. Paterno enters 1993 with more questions than answers: Who'll play quarterback? Who'll replace the offensive punch supplied by O.J. McDuffie and Richie Anderson? What about the four holes on the offensive line? Who's going to kick? Who's going to play linebacker?

Credibility? Maybe. Instant credibility? Maybe not.

So even though the Big Ten has changed its roster for the first time since Michigan State replaced Chicago in 1949, and even though Penn State brings to the conference a rich and fabled heritage, it looks as if the top storyline for 1993 will be the same one that has preceded the last, oh, 24 years: Who can beat Michigan and Ohio State? Or if you want only recent history, say the last five years: Who can beat Michigan?

The Wolverines, enjoying their first unbeaten season (9-0-3) since 1973, have won five straight Big Ten titles (four outright). The Big Ten record for consecutive titles is six, set by Ohio State (1972-77). The Wolverines hope to become the first conference team to win five outright titles in a six-year span.

Did somebody say dominance? Michigan is riding a 19-game regular-season winning streak (16-0-3) and a 21-game conference winning streak (19-0-2). It's 20-0-2 in its last 22 conference road games. It has beaten its Big Ten foes by an average score of 34-13 over the last five years.

With 14 starters and 44 lettermen returning, including All-America candidate Derrick Alexander and Heisman Trophy candidate Tyrone Wheatley, plus three straight recruiting classes that ranked among the Top 5 in the country, there's no evidence the Michigan machine is slowing down.

Ohio State, possessing arguably the best offensive and defensive lines in the league, seems to have the best shot at unseating the Wolverines. Problem: The Buckeyes have to play at Illinois and at Michigan, teams they have yet to beat under Coach John Cooper.

After Penn State you can lump Iowa, Michigan State, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin together and figure each



**Walter Smith, Michigan**

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**John Sacca, Penn State**

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**Derrick Alexander, Michigan**

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for anywhere between three and six conference losses.

Iowa, though, will be intriguing. Coach Hayden Fry, shocked by his team's dismal 5-7 record, went for a quick fix. He brought in 10 junior-college transfers. If Fry's luck with JC players holds true, beware the Hawkeyes. Among his past JC finds were Andre Tippett, Dwight Sistrunk and Michael Tittle.

Indiana (a program in serious decline), Purdue and Northwestern (programs that are better, but not yet good enough) will founder near the bottom.

## ON THE HOT SEAT

### 1. Ohio State coach John Cooper

*His .619 winning percentage matters not to Buckeyes fans and media. He has yet to beat Illinois and Michigan, and he has yet to win a bowl game. He'll feel the heat until he does.*

### 2. Michigan State coach George Perles

*He'll tell you that all is well despite two stormy bowl-less seasons, but don't believe it. He's lost his athletic directorship and a good deal of his clout with the MSU power brokers. And he hasn't recruited well since 1988. Another losing season could bring the big green curtain down.*

### 3. Indiana coach Bill Mallory

*You have to wonder if he's taken the Hoosier program as far as he could. The Hoosiers have been to five minor bowls in Mallory's nine years, but they're 8-31-1 against Michigan (1-8), Ohio State (2-6-1), Illinois (1-6), Michigan State (3-7) and Iowa (1-4).*

## ALL-BIG TEN

**First-team offense:** QB Len Williams, Northwestern; RB Tyrone Wheatley, Michigan; RB Craig Thomas, Michigan State; WR Derrick Alexander, Michigan; WR Lee Gissendaner, Northwestern; TE Kyle Brady, Penn State; OT Joe Panos, Wisconsin; T Korey Stringer, Ohio State; G Jason Winrow, Ohio State; G Rob Rogers, Minnesota; C Greg Engel, Illinois; PK Tim Williams, Ohio State; KR Jermaine Ross, Purdue.

**First-team defense:** DE Jason Simmons, Ohio State; DE Dennis Cappella, Minnesota; DT Lou Benfatti, Penn State; DT Dan Wilkinson, Ohio State; LB Dana Howard, Illinois; LB Steve Morrison, Michigan; LB Brian Gelzheiser, Penn State; CB Alfie Burch, Michigan; CB Jimmy Young, Purdue; S Shonte Peoples, Michigan; S Derek Bochna, Penn State; P Jim DeGuilio, Indiana.

**Second-team offense:** QB Jim Miller, Michigan State; RB Stephen Pitts, Penn State; RB Jeff Cothran, Ohio State; WR Omar Douglas, Minnesota; WR Mill Coleman, Michigan State; TE Ross Hales, Indiana; T Trezelle Jenkins, Michigan; T Alan Kline, Ohio State; G Mike Malinoski, Penn State; G Dave Monnot, Ohio State; C Corey Raymer, Wisconsin; PK Bill Stoyanovich, Michigan State; KR Thomas Lewis, Indiana.

**Second-team defense:** DE Bernard Whittington, Indiana; DE Simeon Rice, Illinois; DT Lamark Shackerford, Wisconsin; DT Mike Wells, Iowa; LB Matt Dyson, Michigan; LB Russ Heath, Minnesota; LB John Holecek, Illinois; CB Shelly Hammonds, Penn State; CB Jay Davis, Indiana; S Scott Nelson, Wisconsin; S Vincent Hypolite, Minnesota; P Sam Veit, Wisconsin.

## 1. MICHIGAN

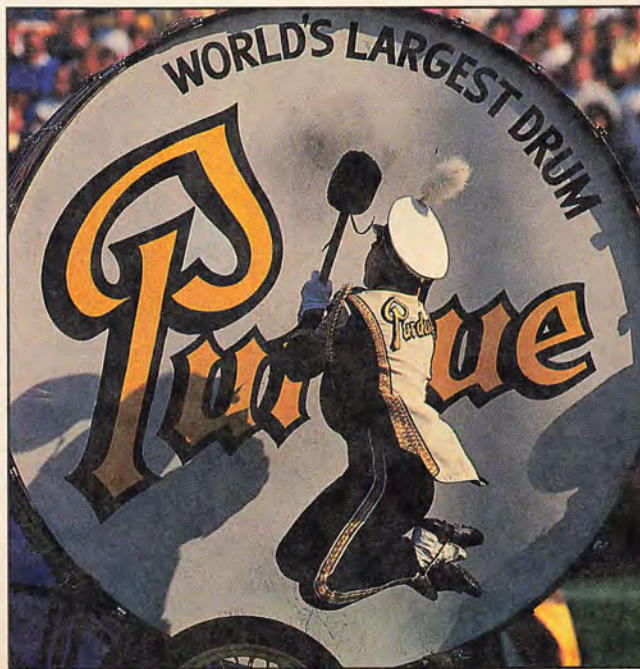
**Offense:** Coach Gary Moeller says his multiple-I attack, which ranked fifth in the nation in total offense (466.9 yards per game) and scoring (35.9 points), will be simpler this season because of new quarterback Todd Collins and four new starters on the offensive line. Don't expect it to be less productive, however. Collins (a virtual clone of Elvis Grbac, with a stronger arm), set Michigan single-game records for completions (29) and touchdowns (4) in the two games he started last year. He'll have Rose Bowl MVP and Heisman threat Tyrone Wheatley (1,357 yards rushing, 162 per game all-purpose) in the backfield—not to mention quality back-ups Jesse Johnson, Ricky Powers and Ed Davis—and five swift receivers led by All-American candidate Derrick Alexander to throw to.

**Defense:** The Wolverines still call the 3-4 their base defense, but as they showed during their Rose Bowl victory against Washington, they're getting rather fond of red-dogging four- and five-man fronts. The key to their new attack-oriented defense is speed in the secondary. With cornerbacks Alfie Burch and Ty Law, and safeties Shonte Peoples and Charles Winters, the



Jason Simmons, Ohio State

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The Purdue Band

PHOTO: BRIAN SPURLOCK



## MICHIGAN

**LOCATION:** Ann Arbor, Mich.

**STADIUM:** Michigan Stadium (102,501).

**COACH:** Gary Moeller (34-29-6 overall/28-5-3 at Michigan).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-0-3 (beat Washington, 38-31, in Rose Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 44.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Marc Millia, C, 6-3, 272, Sr.; Shawn Miller, G, 6-4, 273, Jr.; Joe Marinaro, G, 6-4, 280, So.; Trezelle Jenkins, T, 6-8, 298, So.; Mike Sullivan, T, 6-7, 298, So.; Marc Burkholder, TE, 6-3, 244, Sr.; Derrick Alexander, WR/PR, 6-2, 190, Sr. (3rd-team AP All-American, 1st-team All-Big Ten); Walter Smith, WR, 5-11, 190, Jr.; Tyrone Wheatley, TB/KOR, 6-1, 225, Jr. (Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year, Rose Bowl MVP); Che Foster, FB, 6-2, 240, So.; Todd Collins, QB, 6-5, 240, Jr.; Peter Elezovic, PK, 5-11, 197, Sr.

**Defense**—Tony Henderson, MG, 6-2, 256, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Buster Stanley, DT, 6-2, 273, Sr.; Nines Aghakhan, DT, 6-3, 279, Sr.; Steve Morrison, ILB, 6-3, 242, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Greg McThomas, ILB, 6-4, 241, Jr.; Matt Dyson, OLB, 6-5, 252, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Shawn Collins, OLB, 6-3, 228, So.; Ty Law, CB, 6-0, 184, So.; Alfie Burch, CB, 6-2, 192, Sr.; Shonte Peoples, SS, 6-1, 227, Sr. (1st-team All-Big Ten); Charles Winters, FS, 6-0, 182, Fr.; Chris Stapleton, P, 6-1, 216, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Shawn Miller, OL; Joe Marinaro, OL; Mike Sullivan, OL; Todd Collins, QB; Tyrone Wheatley, TB; Alfie Burch, CB; Shonte Peoples, SS.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Charles Winters, FS; Damon Jones, TE; Jon Ritchie, FB; Trevor Pryce, OLB; Nate DeLong, PK.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Elvis Grbac, QB; Burnie Legette, FB; Steve Everitt, C; Joe Cocozzo, OL; Rob Doherty, OL; Chuck Skene, OL; Tony McGee, TE; Chris Hutchinson, DL; Corwin Brown, FS.

Michigan secondary is as fast as it has ever been. So are its outside linebackers with Matt Dyson and Shawn Collins. The front line is solid with veterans Tony Henderson, Nines Aghakhan, Buster Stanley and sophomore Trent Zenkewicz. As good as the offense should be, the defense should be Michigan's strength.

**Special Teams:** The coverage and return teams will be outstanding (Michigan led the Big Ten in net punting and didn't allow a kickoff return past midfield). Wheatley, who had a 99-yard TD return, will return kicks. Alexander, the only Big Ten return man with two TDs, will bring back punts. Senior Chris Stapleton (39.7 yards) returns as the punter. Freshmen Remy Hamilton and Nate DeLong will challenge senior place-kicker Pete Elezovic (5-7 in field-goal attempts, none beyond 41 yards).

**Environment:** Success breeds success. The titles keep coming, and so do the nation's top prospects. These are glorious days in Ann Arbor.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Add a game at Penn State right after a game at Michigan State, and toss in home challenges against Washington State, Notre Dame, Iowa, Illinois and Ohio State, and you have yourself a bear of a schedule. Three impact games: 1. Notre Dame, a fierce rivalry with major implications on the national title picture. 2. at Penn State, two



Head Coach John Cooper, Ohio St.

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storied programs meeting for the first time, most likely with the Big Ten title on the line. 3. Ohio State, two storied programs meeting for the 95th time, most likely with the Big Ten title on the line.

**Outlook:** Rosy. Only injuries (especially at quarterback or defensive back) and complacency stand between Michigan and a record sixth straight title.

**Petersen Predicts:** 10-1.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 2. OHIO STATE

**Offense:** John Cooper's I-formation offense will be directed by his fourth different quarterback in the last four years. Don't think that hasn't contributed to the Buckeyes' inconsistent production. Cooper named sophomore Bob Hoyer as the starter during spring drills, but Bret Powers, a senior transfer who started eight games for Arizona State in 1991, looked strong in the spring game. The rest of the offense is solid. With veterans Alan Kline, Dave Monnot, Jason Winrow and all-conference sophomore Corey Stringer, the Buckeyes have the Big Ten's best offensive line. Fullback Jeff Cothran and tailbacks Raymont Harris, Eddie George, Travis McGuire and Butler Bynote, keep them well-stocked in the backfield despite Robert Smith's premature move to the NFL. The return of Joey Galloway and Chris Sanders, coupled with the emergence of youngsters Terry Glenn and DeWayne Carter, give them decent, though not spectacular, wide receiver threats.

**Defense:** An aggressive and stingy 4-3 package (No. 1 in the Big Ten, allowing just 291.9 yards and 12.5 points per game) with six returning starters is the team's strength. Scouts are calling sophomore tackle Dan "Big Daddy" Wilkinson (6-5, 310) unblockable. All-Big Ten defensive end Jason Simmons is certainly no slouch, either. The question marks are: speed in the secondary, which should be improved by corner Marlon Kerner and safety Walter Taylor, and middle linebacker, where freshman

Matt Christopher is called upon to replace All-American Steve Tovar.

**Special Teams:** The only steady aspect here is the place-kicking of senior Tim Williams. The return and coverage teams were mediocre, and the punting was worse. True freshman Mike Malfieit will be given a shot at the punting job. Carter and Taylor, two of the faster players on the team, will try to rejuvenate the return teams.

**Environment:** Any tension relieved by the 13-13 tie with Michigan was rebuilt by the 21-14 loss to Georgia in the Citrus Bowl. The Cooper-bashing continues, despite his three-year contract extension. Internally, though, the team is much more unified and motivated.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Pretty rough go here, with non-conference games against Washington and at Pitt, plus games at Illinois and Michigan. They do get a bit of a break with Iowa off the schedule and having Penn State and Michigan State at home. Three impact games: 1. at Illinois, because the Illini have knocked them off the title course the last five years. 2. Penn State, because if past history repeats against Illinois or Michigan, this becomes a must-win game. 3. Michigan, because this game has had an impact on who wins or ties for the title the last seven years.

**Outlook:** Despite all the turmoil and tumult Cooper has the Buckeyes moving in

## OHIO STATE

**LOCATION:** Columbus, Ohio.

**STADIUM:** Ohio Stadium (91,470).

**COACH:** John Cooper (117-61-5 overall/35-21-3 at Ohio State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 8-3-1 (lost to Georgia, 21-14, in Citrus Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 33.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Jack Thrush, C, 6-5, 270, Sr.; Jason Winrow, G, 6-6, 310, Sr.; Dave Monnot, G, 6-5, 275, Sr.; Corey Stringer, T, 6-5, 310, So. (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Alan Kline, T, 6-7, 290, Sr.; Cedric Saunders, TE, 6-3, 240, Sr.; Joey Galloway, F, 5-10, 180, Jr.; Chris Sanders, WR, 6-1, 175, Jr.; Bob Hoyer, QB, 6-4, 223, So.; Raymont Harris, TB, 6-2, 226, Sr.; Jeff Cothran, FB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Tim Williams, PK, 5-9, 180, Sr.; Butler Bynote, KOR, 5-11, 190, Sr.; Walter Taylor, PR, 6-0, 190, Jr.

**Defense**—Matt Bonhaus, NG, 6-5, 250, Jr.; Dan Wilkinson, DT, 6-5, 299, So.; Jason Simmons, DE, 6-5, 254, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Randall Brown, DE, 6-3, 260, Jr.; Matt Christopher, MLB, 6-1, 241, Fr.; Mark Williams, OLB, 6-4, 225, Sr.; Craig Powell, OLB, 6-5, 227, So.; Marlon Kerner, CB, 5-11, 188, Jr.; Tim Walton, CB, 5-11, 170, Sr.; Chico Nelson, SS, 6-1, 197, Sr.; Walter Taylor, FS, 6-0, 196, Jr.; Mike Malfieit, P, 6-4, 210, Fr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Bob Hoyer, QB; Joey Galloway, F; Matt Christopher, MLB; Marlon Kerner, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Terry Glenn, WR; DeWayne Carter, WR; Matt Christopher, LB; Luke Fickell, NG; Ty Howard, DB; Bret Powers, QB; Preston Harrison, DE; Mike Vrabel, DE.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Kirk Herbstreit, QB; Robert Smith, RB; Brian Stabilein, WR; Paul Long, C; Len Hartman, OL; Steve Tovar, MLB; Greg Smith, NG; Roger Harper, DB; Derrick Foster, DE; Bryan Cook, DB; Joel Kessel, P.



a positive direction.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

### 3. PENN STATE

**Offense:** Losing its leading receiver (O.J. McDuffie), its leading rusher and scorer (Richie Anderson) and having its top quarterback (Kerry Collins) slowed by injuries last season and through spring drills, plus having to rebuild its line—all of this—has put a cloud of concern over Joe Paterno's multiple-formation offense. Talent isn't the problem, especially in the backfield, where veteran fullback Brian O'Neal (458 yards, 5.8 per carry) is joined by a trio of swift sophomore tailbacks: Stephen Pitts, Ki-Jana Carter and Mike Archie. Their effectiveness will be determined by how fast the offensive line comes together. The whole show depends on which quarterback emerges and stays healthy: junior Kerry Collins (925 yards passing in five games), junior John Sacca (1,118 yards) or sophomore Wally Richardson. If it's Collins, Penn State's offense will be fine.

**Defense:** Paterno's aggressive multiple-set defense is bigger, faster and better than ever with seven starters returning, including potential All-America tackles Lou Benfatti and Tyoka Jackson, safety Derek Bochna, who was the team's second-leading tackler in 1991 and interception leader last year and cornerback Shelly Hammonds, who deflected 19 passes and picked off two. Still, Penn State wouldn't be Penn State without a star linebacker, and insiders point to junior ILB Brian Gelzheiser as the next All-American. He came off the bench to make 30 tackles in the final three games last season.

**Special Teams:** A mess. Place-kicker Craig Fayak's promising career is in jeopardy because of a back ailment. V.J. Muscillo, who'll be the team's punter (35.8-yard average), hit three of his four field-goal attempts, but his range is limited to 35 yards. Look for freshman Brett Conway to win the kicking job in the fall. Archie and Pitts give the Nittany Lions two dangerous

### PENN STATE

**LOCATION:** University Park, Pa.

**STADIUM:** Beaver Stadium (93,716).

**COACH:** Joe Paterno (247-67-3 overall/and at Penn State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-5 (lost to Stanford, 24-3, in Blockbuster Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 40.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Bucky Greeley, C, 6-3, 265, Jr.; Mike Malinoski, G, 6-2, 260, Sr.; Jeff Hartings, G, 6-3, 242, So.; Derick Pickett, T, 6-5, 275, Sr.; Marco Rivera, T, 6-4, 265, So.; Kyle Brady, TE, 6-6, 255, Jr.; Justin Williams, F, 5-10, 177, Jr.; Tisen Thomas, SE, 5-8, 160, Sr.; Kerry Collins, QB, 6-5, 220, Jr.; Stephen Pitts, TB/KOR, 5-11, 185, So.; Brian O'Neal, FB, 6-1, 227, Sr.; V.J. Muscillo, PK/P, 5-8, 190, Sr. Mike Archie, PR, 5-8, 206, So.

**Defense**—Vin Stewart, NT, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Tyoka Jackson, DT, 6-2, 255, Sr. (2nd-team All-East); Lou Benfatti, DT, 6-3, 270, Sr. (1st-team All-East, HM UPI All-America); Brian Gelzheiser, ILB, 6-1, 225, Jr.; Brian Monaghan, ILB, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Terry Killens, OLB, 6-1, 220, Jr.; Eric Ravotti, OLB, 6-3, 247, Sr.; Marlon Forbes, CB, 6-1, 199, Jr.; Shelly Hammonds, CB, 5-10, 190, Sr.; Lee Rubin, FS, 5-9, 185, Sr.; Derek Bochna, SS, 5-11, 188, Sr. (1st-team All-East).

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Kerry Collins, QB; Stephen Pitts, TB; Brian O'Neal, FB; Tyoka Jackson, DT; Lou Benfatti, DT; Brian Gelzheiser, ILB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Terry Killens, OLB; Brian Miller, CB; Wally Richardson, QB; Brett Conway, PK.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** O.J. McDuffie, WR; Richie Anderson, RB; John Gerak, OL; Greg Huntington, OL; E.J. Sandusky, C; Reggie Givens, LB.

return threats.

**Environment:** As far as tradition goes, you don't get much better than 664 wins, two national titles and more than 200 players sent into the NFL. Yet last year's struggles, followed by a largely unheralded recruiting class and the burden of taking on a Big Ten schedule (as opposed to those Paterno virtually hand-picked over the years), has the Penn State faithful a bit on edge.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Figure Penn State had four tough games last year (Miami, Boston College, Notre Dame and Pitt; include BYU if you want). This year figure six tough games (Southern Cal, at Iowa, Michigan, at Ohio State, Illinois and at Michigan State). Replace cupcakes Cincinnati, Temple and Eastern Michigan with Indiana, Minnesota and Northwestern. Welcome to the Big Ten, Joe. Impact games: 1. at Iowa; a loss here means PSU must beat Michigan and Ohio State back-to-back. 2. Michigan, a dream match. 3. at Ohio State; difficult and potentially pivotal.

**Outlook:** Paterno has dreamed of coaching in the Rose Bowl, but unless he's hiding a few offensive weapons, he may have to wait another year.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

### 4. IOWA

**Offense:** Coach Hayden Fry will have to rebuild his multiple-formation attack from scratch since nine starters graduated. The key players will be Paul Burmeister, another in Iowa's mold of tall, strong-armed drop-back quarterbacks (he won two of his

three starts the end of last season), tailbacks Ryan Terry and Sedrick Shaw (the fastest player ever recruited by Fry), and an average group of receivers led by Harold Jasper. Also adding some punch will be junior-college transfers Derek Price (tight end) and Reggie Williams (fullback). Fry has tried for years to infuse his offense with some game-breaking speed, and in Shaw and receiver Anthony Dean, he may have succeeded.

**Defense:** Improving the speed of his 5-2 defensive package was the first order of business for Fry and, to that end, as many as six junior-college transfers could be starting by the time the conference season begins. Headlining that list are defensive end Toney Bates, tackles Hausia Fuhala and Lawan Young and backs Marcus Montgomery and Jason Henlon. Sophomore end George Bennett and freshman end Bill Ennis-Inge could also be factors. Still, the rocks of the unit will be All-Big Ten tackle Mike Wells and safety Jason Olejniczak.

**Special Teams:** The punt teams have been a bane to Fry the last few years. Iowa ranked last in punt returns and next to last in net punting. He has vowed to put extra emphasis on special teams play this year. Todd Romano (37.7-yard average) returns as the punter, but he may lose his place-kicking job to highly acclaimed freshman Eric Meng.

**Environment:** Fry's teams don't usually stay down too long. His only back-to-back

### IOWA

**LOCATION:** Iowa City, Iowa.

**STADIUM:** Kinnick Stadium (70,397).

**COACH:** Hayden Fry (194-147-9 overall/105-58-5 at Iowa).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-7.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 39.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Casey Wiegmann, C, 6-2, 255, So.; Matt Purdy, G, 6-2, 275, So.; Fritz Fequiere, G, 6-4, 284, Jr.; Bill Lange, T, 6-7, 285, Sr.; Matt Quest, T, 6-5, 285, Sr.; Scott Slutzker, TE, 6-5, 228, So.; Harold Jasper, WR, 5-10, 165, Jr.; Anthony Dean, WR, 6-0, 175, Jr.; Ryan Terry, TB, 6-0, 203, Jr.; Cliff King, FB, 6-0, 213, Sr.; Paul Burmeister, QB, 6-4, 210, Sr.; Todd Romano, PK, 6-2, 185, So.; Willie Guy, KOR/PR, 6-0, 190, So.; Sedrick Shaw, KOR/PR, 6-1, 195, Fr.

**Defense**—Maura Crain, NG, 6-3, 255, Sr.; Mike Wells, DT, 6-4, 280, Sr. (1st-team All-Big Ten); Jamar Jones, DT, 6-3, 255, Jr.; Larry Blue, DE, 6-2, 235, Sr.; John Hartlieb, DE, 6-2, 225, Jr.; Matt Hilliard, LB, 6-2, 232, Sr.; Mike Dailey, LB, 6-1, 230, Sr.; Scott Plate, CB, 5-11, 195, Sr.; Tom Knight, CB, 5-11, 180, So.; Jason Olejniczak, SS, 6-0, 195, Sr.; Marquis "Bo" Porter, FS, 6-1, 185, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Paul Burmeister, QB; Harold Jasper, WR; Mike Wells, DT; Ryan Terry/Sedrick Shaw, TB; Todd Romano, PK/P.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Sedrick Shaw, RB; George Bennett, DL; Bill Ennis-Inge, DE; Eric Meng, PK; Derek Price, TE; Reggie Williams, FB; Jason Henlon, DB; Brian McCullough, OL; Toney Bates, DT; Lawan Young, DT; John Peaua, LB; Hausia Fuhala, DL.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Jim Hartlieb, QB; Scott Davis, OL; Ted Velicer, OL; Mike Devlin, C; Alan Cross, TE; Marvin Lampkin, RB; Lew Montgomery, FB; Carlos James, CB; Doug Buch, FS.



Lamark Shackerford, Wisconsin

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losing seasons were his first two at Iowa, and the year after his last losing season (1989) he took Iowa to the Rose Bowl. Even Fry admits, "That might be asking too much of this group."

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Not too bad. The Hawkeyes don't play Ohio State, and they play Penn State and Illinois at home. Pretty easy non-conference slate, too, with Tulsa, Northern Illinois and Iowa State. Impact games: 1. at Iowa State, because the shame of losing in Ames, right before playing Michigan and Penn State, would be a major blow; 2. at Michigan, because you can't win the title if you don't beat Michigan; 3. Minnesota, because Iowa has lost to the Gophers three of the last four years.

**Outlook:** Without a proven quarterback and a raw offensive line, Iowa will be hard-pressed to challenge the top three. Once it gets a few games under its belt, look out. This could be a dangerous team.

**Petersen Predicts:** 7-4.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 5. MICHIGAN STATE

**Offense:** Imagine Coach George Perles' relief at having a healthy and experienced quarterback (Jim Miller), a healthy and deep line (four three-year starters, including tackle Shane Hannah and guard Brett Lorus), a deep backfield (led by Craig Thomas) and a game-breaking receiver (Mill Coleman). It's the first time in two years he can say those things about his I-formation attack. Accordingly, Perles plans to do more with the ball than merely hand it off to the tailback. He's flirting with one- and no-back sets, a series of short- to midrange passes to feature Coleman and, get this, a shotgun formation. Still, the Spartans lack a serious deep-passing threat, and defenses should be able to stack up and condense the coverage area.

**Defense:** Perles says he plans to over-



**Head Coach George Perles, Michigan St.**

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## MICHIGAN STATE

**LOCATION:** East Lansing, Mich.

**STADIUM:** Spartan Stadium (76,000).

**COACH:** George Perles (62-50-4 overall/and at Michigan State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 39.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Mark Birchmeier, C, 6-3, 283, Jr.; Bob Denton, G, 6-5, 300, So.; Brett Lorus, G, 6-4, 309, Sr.; Shane Hannah, T, 6-5, 327, Jr.; Brian DeMarco, T, 6-7, 308, Jr.; Bob Organ, TE, 6-3, 271, Jr.; Mill Coleman, FL/PR, 5-10, 170, Jr.; Napoleon Outlaw, WR, 5-10, 159, So.; Craig Thomas, TB, 6-0, 205, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Brice Abrams, FB, 6-1, 247, Sr.; Jim Miller, QB, 6-4, 208, Sr.; Bill Stoyanovich, PK, 5-10, 190, Sr.; Steven Holman, KOR, 6-0, 215, So.

**Defense**—Aaron Jackson, DT, 6-4, 285, Jr.; Yakini Allen, DT, 6-2, 245, So.; Juan Hammonds, DE, 6-3, 234, Sr.; Rich Glover, DE, 6-3, 224, Sr.; Greg Anderson, MLB, 6-0, 222, So.; Rob Fredrickson, OLB, 6-3, 230, Sr.; Matt Christensen, OLB, 6-4, 232, Jr.; Myron Bell, CB, 6-0, 198, Sr.; Howard Triplett, CB, 5-9, 178, So.; Steve Wasylk, FS, 6-1, 197, Sr.; Damian Manson, SS, 6-1, 202, Jr.; Chris Salani, P, 6-1, 210, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Greg Anderson, LB; Mill Coleman, WR; Damian Manson, SS; Myron Bell, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Reggie Garnett, MLB; Nigea Carter, WR; Mitch McKinny, P; Jason Glick, TE; Jay Greene, TE.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Ty Hallock, MLB; Bill Reese, DT; Mike Edwards, OLB; Tico Duckett, TB; Toby Heaton, OL; Mitch Lyons, TE.

haul his famed Stunt 4-3. What this means, say insiders, is a return to the basics of the scheme. Apparently, the scheme has suffered in recent years because of attempts to make it more sophisticated. It has also suffered from a lack of speed. Aside from sophomore Howard Triplett at cornerback, there's no evidence of additional speed. Perles needs to find a middle linebacker, too, because Ty Hallock graduated. Sophomore Greg Anderson won the spot in the spring, but true freshman Reggie Garnett will get a look in the fall.

**Special Teams:** Solid. Bill Stoyanovich (11-of-14 field goals) is one of the best kickers in the league, and punter Chris Salani should improve his league-worst 33-yard average. Coleman and Stephen "Batman" Holman are a dangerous return combo.

**Environment:** Perles, who has five years left on his 10-year contract, keeps talking about how much he's looking forward to his future at Michigan State. That future may be now; another season as dismal as the last could push the Spartans fan and booster tolerance to the brink.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Ouch. Open with Kansas and then go to Notre Dame, followed in two weeks with Michigan, at Ohio State and Iowa. It helps to have Michigan, Iowa and Penn State at home, but it's still tough duty. Impact games, right in a row: Michigan, at Ohio State and Iowa. If they survive that, the Spartans will be in the title hunt. Heck, if they survive that, they deserve a trophy regardless of how they finish.

**Outlook:** ESPN's Lee Corso says Michigan State will be the surprise team in

the conference because of its experience and proud tradition. Yet old conservative habits, especially on offense, die hard. If those habits don't die, Michigan State's hopes will.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-5.

**Bowl:** no.

## 6. ILLINOIS

**Offense:** The Illini will deploy their third offensive scheme in three years with former Chicago Bears assistant Greg Landry replacing Tom Beck as offensive coordinator. Landry's pro-style attack will resemble the offenses of the John Mackovic era: lots of short-range ball-control-style passing. Problem: no quarterback, no proven receivers or running backs. Coach Lou Tepper couldn't name a starting quarterback after spring drills. Sophomore Johnny Johnson may have a slight lead over freshman Scott Weaver and junior J.J. O'Laughlin. Don't be surprised if true freshman Jeff Hecklinski cracks the lineup sometime next season. Sophomores Kevin Jackson and Marvell Scott, plus freshman Ty Douthard will try to rejuvenate an Illini running game that has been dormant for years.

**Defense:** Ten starters return to man Tepper's stingy multiple-set defense, led by a superb cast of linebackers: Dana Howard, John Holecek and pass-rushing specialist Simeon Rice (9 sacks), the conference's Freshman of the Year last season. The Illini led the nation with 20 fumble recoveries, but weren't quite as aggressive against the pass (8 interceptions). They

## ILLINOIS

**LOCATION:** Urbana-Champaign, Ill.

**STADIUM:** Memorial (70,904).

**COACH:** Lou Tepper (6-6-1 at Illinois).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-6-1 (lost to Hawaii, 27-17, in John Hancock Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 41.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Greg Engel, C, 6-3, 285, Sr.; Jon Kerr, G, 6-4, 280, Jr.; Derek Allen, G, 6-3, 285, Jr.; Randy Bierman, T, 6-5, 304, Sr.; Mike Suarez, T, 6-5, 288, Jr.; Ken Dilger, TE, 6-5, 243, Jr.; Jim Klein, WR, 5-10, 157, So.; Jasper Strong, F, 6-1, 174, Jr.; Kevin Jackson, TB, 5-11, 204, So.; Wagner Lester, FB, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Johnny Johnson, QB, 6-1, 205, Jr.; Chris Richardson, PK, 6-4, 255, Jr.; Clinton Lynch, KOR, 5-10, 181, Sr.; Gary Voelker, PR, 5-11, 170, Sr.

**Defense**—Mikki Johnson, NT, 6-2, 267, So.; Tim McCloud, DT, 6-2, 265, So.; Chad Copher, DT, 6-7, 267, Jr.; Todd Leach, LB, 6-2, 245, Sr.; John Holecek, LB, 6-2, 223, Jr.; Kevin Hardy, LB, 6-4, 230, So.; Dana Howard, LB, 6-0, 240, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Robert Crumpton, CB, 6-1, 194, Jr.; Filmel Johnson, CB, 5-9, 184, Sr.; Tyrone Washington, SS, 5-11, 186, So.; Jeff Ameson, 6-1, 210, Sr.; Forry Wells, P, 6-4, 206, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Johnny Johnson, QB; Kevin Jackson, RB; Jim Kline, WR; Filmel Johnson, CB; Simeon Rice, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Johnny Johnson, QB; Scott Weaver, QB; Jeff Hecklinski, QB; Ty Douthard, RB; Rodney Byrd, RB; Marquis Mosely, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Jason Verduzco, QB; Brad Hopkins, OL; Jim Pesek, OL; John Wright, WR; Steve Feagin, RB; Darren Boyer, FB; Erik Foggey, DT.



## WISCONSIN

**LOCATION:** Madison, Wisc.

**STADIUM:** Camp Randall Stadium (77,745).

**COACH:** Barry Alvarez (11-22 overall/and at Wisconsin).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Corey Raymer, C, 6-4, 290, Jr.; Joe Rudolph, G, 6-2, 285, Jr.; James Darby, G, 6-5, 295, Fr.; Joe Panos, T, 6-3, 290, Sr.; Mike Verstegen, T, 6-6, 300, Jr.; Michael Roan, TE, 6-4, 245, Jr.; Lee DeRamus, WR, 6-2, 185, Jr.; J.C. Dawkins, F, 6-0, 190, Jr.; Brent Moss, TB, 5-9, 205, Jr.; Mark Montgomery, FB, 6-1, 210, Sr.; Darrell Bevell, QB, 6-2, 180, So.; John Hall, PK, 6-3, 175, Fr.

**Defense**—Lamarck Shackerford, NG, 6-1, 265, Sr. (1st-team All-Big Ten, HM UPI All-America); Carlos Fowler, DT, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Mike Thompson, DT, 6-4, 270, Jr.; Chris Hein, OLB, 6-1, 220, Jr.; Chad Yocum, OLB, 6-4, 240, Jr.; Yusef Burgess, ILB, 6-2, 230, Sr.; Pete Diatelevi, ILB, 6-3, 225, Fr.; Kenny Gales, CB, 5-11, 175, Jr.; Jeff Messenger, CB, 5-10, 190, Jr.; Reggie Holt, SS, 5-11, 195, Sr.; Scott Nelson, FS, 6-1, 200, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Sam Veit, P, 5-9, 170, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big Ten).

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Lee DeRamus, WR; Brent Moss, TB; Lamarck Shackerford, NG; Joe Panos, T; Kenny Gales, CB; Pete Diatelevi, ILB; Syllas Pratt, ILB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Kerwin Badie, WR; Kenny Gales, CB; James Darby, OL; Pete Diatelevi, ILB; Ron Johnson, TB; John Hall, PK; Bryan Jurewicz, OLB; Syllas Pratt, ILB; Royston Jones, ILB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Aaron Norvell, LB; Gary Casper, LB; Dwight Reese, OLB; Chuck Belin, OL; Rich Thompson, PK; Tim Ware, WR; Aaron Brown, WR; Lionell Crawford, WR.



**Head Coach Barry Alvarez, Wisconsin**

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up to pretty decent this year. The line, led by veterans Corey Raymer and Joe Panos, is finally Big Ten-sized. Darrell Bevell, a 23-year-old sophomore quarterback, has a year under his belt, as do running backs Brent Moss and Terrell Fletcher. The big difference could come at wide receiver, with J.C. Dawkins and freshman Kerwin Badie emerging to join big-play threat Lee DeRamus. Alvarez wants to incorporate more short- and midrange pass routes. Last year the pattern became run, run, throw deep.

**Defense:** Alvarez's 5-2 package, second best against the run and fourth best overall last year, is and always will be what the Badgers are built around. All-Big Ten nose guard Lamarck Shackerford is the anchor, but with the addition of speedier corners Kenny Gales and Jeff Messenger, look for more blitzing and man-to-man coverage. Look, also, for continued vulnerability to long passes.

**Special Teams:** Freshman John Hall will replace conference-leading kick scorer Rich Thompson and Sam Veit (39.6 average, third best) returns as the punter. The return and coverage teams were average in the league.

**Environment:** Life is just dandy in Barry's world. Attendance is up, back-to-back five-win seasons top the win totals from the previous five years combined, and the last two recruiting classes have been ranked among the top 16 nationally. "I feel like, for the first time, we are a legitimate Big Ten team," Alvarez says.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Five home games will help, so will not playing Penn State and Iowa. Impact games: 1. at Indiana; to get to the upper division the Badgers have to start beating the Indians, Illinois and Minnesotas. 2. Ohio State; a major upset wouldn't hurt, either. 3. Michigan State at Tokyo; nobody in Japan will know it or care, but this game could determine a bowl berth.

**Outlook:** The Badgers are proclaiming

this as the breakthrough year, figuring they were just a victory away from a bowl game last year. Don't think so. The offense still isn't strong enough.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-5.

**Bowl:** no.

## 8. MINNESOTA

**Offense:** Please don't call Coach Jim Wacker's offense a run-and-shoot. True, he deploys one back and three receivers and passes 60 percent of the time, but hey, that's no cause for labels. The Gophers had the most potent passing attack in the conference last year and the second worst running game. With the return of backs Antonio Carter and Chris Darkins (who combined for 930 yards last year) and a hopefully healthy Chuck Rios, who returns after knee surgery, expect the running game to improve. Top two receivers Omar Douglas and Aaron Osterman return, but the Gophers will have a new quarterback. Tim Schade, a junior transfer from Texas Christian, who just happens to be Wacker's nephew, lacks the mobility of graduated Marquel Fleetwood, but is said to be a much better passer.

**Defense:** Only Northwestern (33.9 per game) gave up more points than the Gophers (28.5) last year. Plus, the Gophers 4-3 forced a league-low 13 turnovers and averaged a mere two sacks per game. The secondary should be greatly improved, with veterans Drinon Mays and speedsters Vincent Hypolite and Roderick Narcisse. Veterans Dennis Cappella (end) and Russ Heath return, but this still looks like a vulnerable unit.

**Special Teams:** Darkins, Lewis Garrison

## MINNESOTA

**LOCATION:** Minneapolis, Minn.

**STADIUM:** Metrodome (63,699).

**COACH:** Jim Wacker (146-100-3 overall/2-9 at Minnesota).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 2-9.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 40.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Neil Fredenburg, C, 6-5, 290, Sr.; Rob Rogers, G, 6-3, 316, Sr.; Rick Thome, G, 6-4, 278, Jr.; Chris Fowlkes, T, 6-4, 315, So.; David Vertin, T, 6-6, 256, Jr.; Steve Cambrice, TE, 6-5, 219, Sr.; Aaron Osterman, SE, 6-0, 194, Jr.; Shaun Jackson, F, 6-1, 186, Jr.; Omar Douglas, SB, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Antonio Carter, RB, 6-1, 216, Sr.; Tim Schade, QB, 6-6, 230, Jr.; Mike Chalberg, PK, 6-0, 175, So.; Lewis Garrison, PR/KOR, 6-0, 178, Jr.

**Defense**—Doyle Cockrell, DT, 6-4, 270, Jr.; Ed Hawthorne, DT, 6-2, 295, Jr.; Dennis Cappella, DE, 6-3, 235, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Andy Kratochvil, DE, 6-4, 248, Sr.; Russ Heath, MLB, 6-2, 237, Sr.; Andy Veit, OLB, 6-2, 238, Sr.; Lance Wolkow, OLB, 6-1, 237, Sr.; Drinon Mays, CB, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Roderick Narcisse, CB, 6-2, 202, So.; Jeff Rosga, FS, 6-1, 197; Vincent Hypolite, SS, 6-1, 186, So.; Ron Holty, P, 5-10, 184, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Omar Douglas, SB; Tim Schade, QB; Antonio Carter, RB; Chuck Rios, RB/WR; Roderick Narcisse, CB; Drinon Mays, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Tim Schade, QB; Jerome Davis, DL; Chris Darkins, RB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Marquel Fleetwood, QB; John Lewis, WR; Keith Ballard, OL; Aaron Piepkorn, PK; Andre Davis, LB; Derek Fisher, DB; Ken Sebree, DB; Dean Kaufman, P.

hope sophomore safety Tyrone Washington and veteran corners Filmel Johnson, Robert Crumpton and Rod Boykin will improve that.

**Special Teams:** Kicker Chris Richardson (12-of-18 field goals) and punter Forry Wells (39.6 yards) are among the league's best, though Richardson's kickoffs got shorter and shorter last season. The return teams are also strong, with Clinton Lynch (21-yard average on kickoff returns) and Gary Voelker (third-best punt returner in the conference at 12.2 yards per return).

**Environment:** Not bad, considering two straight mediocre seasons. The team keeps sneaking into bowl games. Tepper is recruiting extremely well, making big gains in the talent-rich Chicago area.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:**

Tepper calls it the toughest since 1989. The Illini have Missouri, Arizona and Oregon in the non-conference and play at Iowa, Michigan and Penn State. Impact games: Ohio State, at Iowa and at Michigan. Back-to-back-to-back, October is make-it-or-break-it month.

**Outlook:** This is a bad year to break in a new quarterback. Too many good defenses in the conference.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-5.

**Bowl:** no.

## 7. WISCONSIN

**Offense:** Coach Barry Alvarez's multiple-set offense has improved from horrible to mediocre in three years and should bump



and maybe freshman Rishon Early are capable returners, but the rest is up in the air. Mike Chalberg, who sat out last year after a rough freshman year, will handle the kicks. Senior Ron Holty will be given first shot at replacing four-year punter Dean Kaufman.

**Environment:** There are several positive signs Wacker is turning things around. The most obvious is his recruiting. He has made inroads in Florida and Texas while maintaining a solid local base. He seems to be changing the face of the Gophers from big and mean (read slow) to fast and feisty.

**Schedule Difficult/Key Games:** Not too bad, although opening at Penn State is no fun. Still, the Gophers play six times in the Metrodome, and they don't play Michigan State or Ohio State. Impact games: 1. Indiana; it's one of those separator games between upper and lower division teams; 2. Wisconsin; same as above; 3. at Illinois; this precedes season-closing games against Michigan and at Iowa. Win 'em when you can.

**Outlook:** In Wacker's first year at TCU he went 1-7-2. The next year he took them to the Bluebonnet Bowl. Don't look for a similar turnaround, not with this defense.

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-6.

**Bowl:** no.

## 9. INDIANA

**Offense:** Bill Mallory has made a wise decision, but he made it at least one year too late. He's going back to a two-back offense. One-back sets are fine when that one back is Anthony Thompson or Vaughn Dunbar. Since Brett Law (541 yards last

year) isn't either one, full-backs Sean Glover and Arnold Mickens will become more involved in the offense. Next problem: quarterback.

Sophomore John Paci edged out freshman Chris Dittoe in the spring, but this battle could rage all year.

**Defense:** Pretty good 4-3 unit here, led by pass-rushing specialists Lamar Mills, Hurvin McCormack and Bernard Whittington. Charles Beauchamp, if he comes back strong after knee surgery, will be a big plus. Only four touchdown passes were thrown against Iowa last year, and the secondary led by veterans Damon Watts, Mose Richardson and Jason Orton, returns intact. Iowa must improve against the run, though.

**Special Teams:** The league's best punter, Jim DiGuilio (44.3), returns, and freshman Bill Manolopoulos will replace Scott Bonnell. Thomas Lewis and Watts are solid return men, but the coverage teams need an overhaul. The punt team allowed a league-high 505 yards last year.

**Environment:** The question used to be: Will Iowa ever beat the top teams? Now it's whether Iowa will ever get back into the upper division? This is a pivotal year for Mallory.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Getting Michigan and Illinois off the schedule will help. So will home games with



**Matt Dyson, Michigan**

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Toledo and Northern Illinois. Impact games: 1. Wisconsin, a clash of one program ascending and the other descending; 2. Michigan State, if you figure IU loses to Iowa, Penn State and Ohio State, then this is a must-win; 3. Purdue, same as above.

**Outlook:** Slip sliding away.

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-6.

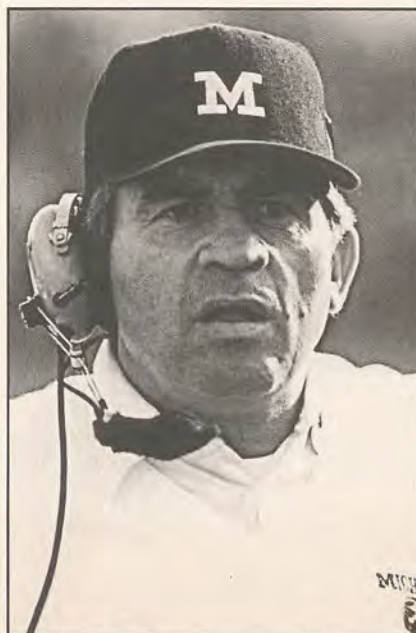
**Bowl:** no.

## 10. NORTHWESTERN

**Offense:** You can't trust the numbers: Despite second-team All-Big Ten quarterback Len Williams and league MVP receiver Lee Gissendaner, the Wildcats' one-back, three-receiver offense was the least potent in the conference. Williams (third in passing efficiency) and Gissendaner (142 all-purpose yards per game) are back, and so is a bigger and more experienced line. The numbers will improve only if the running game (led by Dennis Lundy) does.

**Defense:** Trust the numbers in this case: The Wildcats were Mildcats on D, yielding 34 points and 431 yards per game. The secondary, vulnerable to the long ball, yielded 19 TD passes. Sophomore William Bennett and junior Korey Singleton are talented players who should benefit from last year's pummeling. So should linebackers Steve Ostrowski and Steve Shine. Still, the front wall is very fragile, and depth remains a problem.

**Special Teams:** Place-kicker Brian Leahy is solid, and Gissendaner is among the league's most dangerous return men. Paul Burton will be a first-year punter.



**Head Coach Gary Moeller, Michigan**

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## INDIANA

**LOCATION:** Bloomington, Ind.

**STADIUM:** Memorial Stadium (52,354).

**COACH:** Bill Mallory (148-104-4 overall/49-52-3 at Iowa).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 44.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Rod Carey, C, 6-6, 290, Sr.; Todd Smith, G, 6-3, 285, Sr.; Andrew Greene, G, 6-4, 290, Jr.; Chris Smith, T, 6-4, 280, Jr.; Tom McKinnon, T, 6-6, 300, Jr.; Ross Hales, TE, 6-7, 265, Sr.; Eddie Baety, WR, 5-11, 175, Jr.; Thomas Lewis, WR/KOR, 6-2, 190, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big Ten); John Paci, QB, 6-3, 210, Jr.; Brett Law, TB, 5-10, 195, Jr.; Sean Glover, FB, 5-11, 197, So.; Bill Manolopoulos, PK, 5-10, 155, Fr.

**Defense**—Troy Drake, DT, 6-7, 273, Jr.; Hurvin McCormack, DT, 6-4, 265, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Charles Beauchamp, DE, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Bernard Whittington, DE, 6-6, 245, Sr.; Al Thurman, MLB, 6-1, 230, Jr.; Jay Davis, OLB, 6-0, 205, Sr.; Derrick Terrell, OLB, 6-2, 225, Jr.; Mose Richardson, CB, 6-2, 180, Sr.; Jason Orton, CB, 5-11, 180, Sr.; Lance Brown, SS, 6-1, 203, Jr.; Damon Watts, PR/FS, 5-10, 175, Sr.; Jim DiGuilio, P, 6-0, 180, Sr. (1st-team All-Big Ten).

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** John Paci, QB; Brett Law, TB; Charles Beauchamp, DE; Hurvin McCormick, DT; Al Thurman, ILB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** John Paci, QB; Chris Dittoe, QB; Sean Glover, FB; Michael Batts, TB; Jay Seib, OL.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Trent Green, QB; Scott Bonnell, PK; Scott McGowan, WR; Jim Hannon, OL; Mike Middleton, DB; John Miller, LB; Larry McDaniel, DL; Matt Bomba, DL.



## NORTHWESTERN

**LOCATION:** Evanston, Ill.

**STADIUM:** Dyche Stadium (49,256).

**COACH:** Gary Barnett (11-19-1 overall/3-8 at Northwestern).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 3-8.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 30.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Rob Johnson, C, 6-4, 272, Jr.; Todd Pawlowski, G, 6-5, 277, Sr.; Ryan Padgett, G, 6-3, 275, So.; Todd Baczek, T, 6-3, 285, Sr.; Matt O'Dwyer, T, 6-5, 290, Sr.; Luther Morris, TE, 227, Jr.; Lee Gissendanar, WR/KOR/PR, 5-9, 175, Sr. (1st-team All-Big Ten, Big Ten MVP); Mike Senters, WR, 6-1, 175, Sr.; Chris Gamble, WR, 6-1, 181, Sr.; Dennis Lundy, RB, 5-9, 185, Jr.; Len Williams, 6-0, 215, Sr.; Brian Leahy, PK, 5-8, 169, Sr.

**Defense**—Nick Walker, NG, 5-10, 262, Jr.; Larry Curry, DT, 6-4, 263, So.; John Hellebusch, DT, 6-3, 277, Sr.; Hugh Williams, ILB, 6-0, 245, Sr.; Steve Ostrowski, ILB, 6-0, 224, Sr.; Mike Warren, OLB, 6-5, 242, Jr.; Steve Shine, OLB, 6-6, 232, Sr.; Rodney Ray, CB, 5-11, 181, Jr.; Anthony Purkett, CB, 5-8, 170, Sr.; William Bennett, FS, 6-1, 195, So.; Korey Singleton, SS, 6-1, 208, Jr.; Paul Burton, P, 5-11, 185, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Len Williams, QB; Lee Gissendanar, WR; Steve Ostrowski, ILB; Steve Shine, OLB; Rodney Ray, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Eric Scott, WR; Casey Dailey, P/LB; Robbie Glanton, RB/DB; Ray Robey, DL; Lentwan Smith, DB; Derek Swafford, RB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Matt Dzierwa, P; Frank Boudreaux, DL; Jason Cunningham, OLB; Tom Christian, ILB; Greg Gill, DB.

**Environment:** Coach Gary Barnett's "Expect Victory" campaign has taken hold in Evanston, and it's spreading. Barnett successfully recruited a prep All-American from Los Angeles (Eric Scott) and one of the better linemen out of Ohio (Ryan Daniels). This is no longer an automatic victory for Big Ten foes.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Tough. Notre Dame and Boston College to start, Iowa and Penn State to finish. Impact games: There appear to be four winnable games—Wake Forest, Minnesota, Indiana and maybe at Michigan State.

**Outlook:** This looks like a downer year, despite the strides Barnett has made.

**Petersen Predicts:** 2-9.

**Bowl:** no.

## 11. PURDUE

**Offense:** Go figure. With quarterback Eric Hunter, a dangerous runner, Coach Jim Colletto operated out of a traditional I-formation with Hunter playing mostly drop-back. Now with Matt Pike at the helm, a pure drop-back passer, Colletto is talking about options and roll-outs. Whatever, nothing will work unless he can patch together a line. Fullback Mike Alstott, tailbacks Arlee Conners and Corey Rogers (Freshman of the Year two years ago, academically ineligible last year), and receivers Jeff Hill and Jermaine Ross provide a talent base that should improve this unit.

**Defense:** Colletto has hinted he may alter his 5-2 scheme. He's short on tackles and long on linebackers (Romond Batten, Bart Conley, Ryan Wilson, Aaron Hall and Ike Dozier), so maybe a 3-4 might be in order. The Boilermakers need to get more

## PURDUE

**LOCATION:** West Lafayette, Ind.

**STADIUM:** Ross-Ade (67,861).

**COACH:** Jim Colletto (25-52-1 overall/8-14 at Purdue).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-7.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 48.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Bill Cline, C, 6-4, 281, Sr.; Elvin Caldwell, G, 6-4, 267, Sr.; Chris Sedoris, G, 6-3, 258, Jr.; Ryan Grigson, T, 6-5, 290, Sr.; Alfie Hill, T, 6-3, 298, Jr.; Tony Simmons, TE, 6-2, 230, Jr.; Jermaine Ross, WR/KOR/PR, 6-1, 191, Sr.; Jeff Hill, WR, 6-0, 187, Sr.; Matt Pike, QB, 6-3, 194, Jr.; Arlee Conners, TB, 6-0, 210, Sr.; Mike Alstott, FB, 6-1, 210, So.; Vito Speciale, PK, 5-10, 166, Jr.

**Defense**—Eric Gray, NG, 6-4, 247, Jr.; James Cole, DT, 6-2, 246, Sr.; Jarrod Walker, DT, 6-5, 267, Jr.; Bart Conley, ILB, 6-4, 210, So.; Ryan Wilson, ILB, 6-0, 237, Sr.; Romond Batten, OLB, 5-11, 225, Sr.; Aaron Hall, OLB, 6-1, 220, So.; Jimmy Young, CB, 5-11, 185, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big Ten); Kevin Nolan, CB, 5-10, 185, Jr.; Pat Johnson, FS, 6-1, 197, Sr.; Chad Buckland, SS, 5-10, 186, Jr.; Rob Deignan, P, 6-4, 200, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Matt Pike, QB; Bart Conley, ILB; Eric Gray, DT; Corey Rogers, RB; Ike Dozier, OLB-DB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Kevin Nolan, CB; Mike Cardona, OL; Mark Secrest, DL.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Jeff Zgonina, DL; Eric Beatty, LB; Don Delvy, OLB; Tank Adams, DB; Eric Hunter, QB; Ernest Calloway, WR; Nick Mamula, C; Kevin Janiak, OL; David Bratton, OL.

pressure on the quarterbacks (last in the league with 19 sacks, 13 by graduated Jeff Zgonina) and improve their third-down defense (teams were successful nearly 40 percent of the time). Corner Kevin Nolan, a junior-college transfer, will help speed up the secondary.

**Special Teams:** The punting was poor (ninth in the league in net punting). Rob Deignan and Mike Ulinski averaged only 33.7 yards per punt. Kicker Vito Speciale returns after knee surgery. Ross is a threat on both punt and kickoff returns.

**Environment:** Still positive. Colletto claims the standings didn't reflect the team's improvement last year. Four of the seven losses were by a touchdown or less.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Not unbearable, although Notre Dame is still there, as are games at Michigan and Iowa. Impact Games: 1. Illinois, a winnable game that could change Purdue's fortunes; 2. Wisconsin, another winnable home game, plus there's some bad blood between these two; 3. at Michigan, for whatever reason, Purdue has threatened to upset Michigan the last couple of years.

**Outlook:** Colletto proposed a three-step plan to Purdue: Be respectable, then be competitive and then win. The first two steps have been taken, the third step will take a bit longer.

**Petersen Predicts:** 2-9.

**Bowl:** no.



Thomas Lewis, Indiana



# BIG WEST

By Jon Ferguson  
St. George (Utah) Daily Spectrum

The wide-open West just got bigger this season. In fact, when it comes to Big West Conference football, the geographic portion of the name means little anymore. In a conference that has undergone massive changes the past few years the lineup now spans three time zones with the addition of Northern Illinois, Louisiana Tech, Southwestern Louisiana and Arkansas State to the fold.

"The Big West has its problems, and we have our problems," said Mike Korcek, Northern Illinois sports information director.

## 1. UTAH STATE

**Offense:** Quarterback Anthony Cavillo adapted to coordinator Jim Zon's multiple scheme brilliantly in each's first year. Tailback Abu Wilson, who was third in the conference in rushing (795 yards) as a freshman, is back for an offense that averaged 27 points per game.

**Defense:** The defense needs to improve after allowing 29 points per game, but inside linebacker Jermaine Younger, the Big West Defensive Player of the Year, returns to head a strong cornerback defense.

**Special Teams:** It won't be easy to replace place-kicker Sean Jones or punter Doug Beach, who had a lackluster senior

season. Nathan Morreale kicked and punted well in the spring.

**Environment:** Coach Charlie Weatherbie's enthusiasm and positive thinking have gone a long way in creating a good atmosphere at a school that has debated the necessity of a Division I-A football program.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** LSU, Brigham Young, Baylor (first night game ever at Aggie Stadium) and Fresno State make this a tough payday schedule.

**Outlook:** Fifteen returning starters will key the school's first Big West title since the late '70s and first trip to the Vegas Bowl.

**Petersen Predicts:** 7-4.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 2. NEVADA

**Offense:** JC All-American running back Marcellus Chrishon (more than 1,500 yards, 27 touchdowns) could give the Wolf Pack the balance attack it has lacked en route to three consecutive conference championships (two in the Big Sky Conference). Comeback kid quarterback Chris Vargas and wide receivers Bryan Reeves (81 catches, 1,114 yards), Michael Stephens (45 catches) and Chris Singleton (33 catches) lead a powerful passing attack.

**Defense:** Linebackers Lamonte Porter and Steve Bryant, the team's top two tacklers in a 34 defense, return to anchor a solid linebacking corps. Still Nevada must count on JC transfers to shore up a secondary that was depleted by graduation.

**Special Teams:** Redshirt place-kicker Buddy Wellman and punter Steve Lester are adequate. Singleton averaged 29 yards per kickoff return, and Reeves had 11 per punt return.

**Environment:** The team has set attendance records each of its last eight seasons and will probably do it again this year.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The non-conference schedule is weak. The Utah State game Oct. 16 should decide the title, and the Wolf Pack hosts San Jose State Nov. 6.

**Outlook:** The offense is perhaps even stronger than a year ago, and the defense has speed and quickness. This team can make it two for two in the Big West.

**Petersen Predicts:** 9-2.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 3. SAN JOSE STATE

**Offense:** First-team all-conference quarterback Jeff Garcia (56-percent completions, 2,418 yards) is a poised leader with good instincts to run the Spartans' wide-open pro-set I. The running back corps is deep with tailbacks Nathan DuPree (1,239 yards, 11 touchdowns), Donald Lindsay and Shon Ellerbe.

**Defense:** Middle linebacker Martin Singleton, cornerback Dee Grayer and free safety Troy Jensen are the only returning starters from a defense that allowed 403 yards and 28 points per game. This is a unit with big holes.

**Special Teams:** Excellent. Kicker Joe Nedney (14-of-19 field goals and 30-33

### UTAH STATE

**LOCATION:** Logan, Utah.

**STADIUM:** Romney Stadium (30,257).

**COACH:** Charlie Weatherbie (5-6 overall/and at Utah State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Anthony Cavillo, QB, 6-2, 175, Sr. (HM All-Big West); Abu Wilson, RB, 6-0, 195, So. (2nd-team All-Big West); Jim Ray, WR, 6-3, 205, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big West); Toney Jenkins, WR, 5-11, 174, Jr.; Mike Lee, WR, 5-11, 180, Sr.; Aubrey Thompson, TE, 6-3, 230, Sr. (HM All-Big West); Jackson Maughan, T, 6-4, 275, Sr.; Rich Tyiski, G, 6-5, 280, Sr.; Robert Holmes, C, 6-3, 234, So.; Warren Bowers, G, 6-3, 272, Sr.; Jed DeVries, T, 6-6, 280, Sr.; Nathan Morreale, PK, 6-0, 172, Fr.

**Defense**—Scott Moala, DE, 6-3, 245, Sr.; Pratt Lyons, DT, 6-6, 275, Fr.; Dave Balls, DT, 6-2, 250, Jr.; Dan-iel Taplin, DE, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Tyrone Trimble, OLB, 6-0, 20, Jr.; Jermaine Younger, ILB, 6-0, 245, Sr. (Big West Defensive Player of the Year); Willie Jackson, ILB, 5-11, 230, Jr.; Damon Smith, CB/KR, 5-10, 163, Sr.; Charles McMillian, CB, 5-11, 170, Jr.; Michael Coe, FS/KR, 5-11, 185, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big West); Tyrone Trimble, SS, 5-11, 202, Jr.; Micah Knorr, P, 6-2, 180, Fr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Abu Wilson, TB; Jermaine Younger, IB; Anthony Cavillo, QB; Aubrey Thompson, TE; Warren Bowers, C.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Craig McMillian, CB; Todd Townsend, C; Ken Freitas, DL; Tyrone Trimble, S; Duane Williams, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Joe Jacobs, DT; Mark Johnson, DT; Doug Beach, P; Sean Jones, PK.

### NEVADA

**LOCATION:** Reno, Nev.

**STADIUM:** Mackay Stadium (31,545).

**COACH:** Chris Ault (145-57-1 overall/and at Nevada).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-5 (lost to Bowling Green, 35-34, Las Vegas Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 31.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Chris Vargas, QB, 5-11, 170, Sr.; Marcellus Chrishon, RB, 5-9, 175, Jr.; Bryan Reeves, WR/PR, 5-11, 185, Sr. (1st-team All-Big West); Chris Singleton, WR/KOR, 6-2, 200, Sr. (HM All-Big West); Michael Stephens, WR, 6-2, 190, Sr.; Tom Matter, TE, 6-2, 220, Sr.; Todd Shara, T, 6-2, 270, Sr.; Tony Lorenzi, G, 6-2, 260, Jr.; Ryan O'Donnell, C, 6-4, 245, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big West); Mike Breaux, G, 6-2, 270, Jr.; Anthony Valentin, T, 6-4, 250, Sr.; Buddy Wellman, PK, 6-0, 170, Fr.

**Defense**—Jim Jones, DT, 6-2, 270, Sr.; Joe Dunn, DT, 6-3, 265, So.; David Miller, DE, 6-3, 270, So.; Steve Bryant, OLB, 6-4, 240, Sr. (1st-team All-Big West); Martin Washington, OLB, 6-2, 220, Jr.; Lamonte Porter, ILB, 6-2, 215, So.; Dan Ledieff, ILB, 6-3, 235, Sr.; Darnell Hasson, CB, 6-2, 175, Fr.; James Johnson, CB, 6-0, 180, So.; Clayton Lopez, SS, 5-10, 175, Jr.; Shawn Price, FS, 6-0, 195, Jr.; Steve Lester, P, 5-11, 175, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Chris Vargas, QB; Bryan Reeves, WR; Marcellus Chrishon, RB; Steve Bryant, OLB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** David Miller, DE; Andy Buh, ILB; Shawn Price, FS; Bernie Chapman, DB; Sam Elliott, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Joe Casper, DT; Fred Gatlin, QB; Xavier Kairy, FS; Brock Marion, CB; Shahriar Pourdanesh, OT.



## SAN JOSE STATE

**LOCATION:** San Jose, Calif.

**STADIUM:** Spartan Stadium (31,218).

**COACH:** John Ralston (86-47-3 overall/0-0 at San Jose State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-4.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 40.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Jeff Garcia, QB, 6-1, 190, Sr. (1st-team All-Big West); Nathan DuPree, 5-10, 85, Sr.; John Mountain, FB, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Brian Lundy, WR/PR, 5-10, 166, So. (HM All-Big West); Jerry Reese, WR, 5-11, 187, Jr.; Tom Petithomme, TE, 6-2, 230, Sr.; John Cotti, T, 6-5, 285, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big West); Chris Hill, G, 6-4, 253, So.; Wally Bonnett, G, 6-4, 275, Sr.; Mike Gardner, G, 6-4, 270, Sr.; Reuben Johnson, T, 6-4, 260, Sr.; Joe Nedney, PK, 6-5, 205, Jr. (1st-team All-Big West).

**Defense**—Tom Sotelo, DT, 6-3, 246, So.; Robert Gregory, DE, 6-2, 260, Jr.; Kareeb Harbin, DE, 6-3, 242, Sr.; Eric Quarles, DE, 6-3, 225, Fr.; Derrick Childs, OB, 6-3, 206, Sr.; Jim Singleton, MLB, 6-2, 225, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big West); Dan Godfrey, OLB, 6-0, 215, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big West); Dee Grayer, CB, 6-1, 190, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big West); Paul Pitts, CB, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Paul Hamilton, SS, 5-11, 192, Sr.; Troy Jensen, FS, 5-9, 179, Sr.; Lee Myhre, P, 6-2, 205, Sr. (HM All-Big West).

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Jeff Garcia, QB; Jim Singleton, MLB; Joe Nedney, PK; Dee Grayer, CB; Lee Myhre, P.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** John Cotti, OT; Wally Bonnett, OL; Paul Pitts, CB; Jacobbi Williams, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Rich Sarlette, TE; Nick Trammer, C; Marty Lyon, DT; Kevin O'Connell, NG; Raymond Boles, OLB; Anthony Washington, R.

extra points), and punter Lee Myhre (42.9 yards per kick) are the best in the league.

**Environment:** The Spartans consistently recruit quality talent, turn out coaches for bigger programs and compete for the Big West title.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** A tough non-conference schedule includes Louisville, Stanford, Wyoming, California and Washington. The Spartans avoid contender Utah State this season and have two of their three toughest conference games with Nevada-Las Vegas and Louisiana Tech—two of their four home games.

**Outlook:** There are big question marks in the trenches, but this program never seems to be down.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-5.

**Bowl:** no.

## 4. NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

**Offense:** With wide receivers Henry Bailey (second-best returning all-purpose yardage man in the nation) and Demond Thompkins, and running backs Shannon McLean and Omar Love, the Rebels have four of the top skill players in the league. The problem is they're still trying to use the same quarterbacks, Bob Stockham and John Ma'ae, who've struggled in the past (combined 43 percent passing last season).

**Defense:** Nine defensive starters are back, and the team's leading tackler in '92, Donnell Porter, will come off the bench as a safety instead of a linebacker. This is an athletically talented bunch that has gained much experience.

**Special Teams:** A strong point for the Rebels. Kicker Nick Garritano hit on 11-of-14 field goals last season, including all

## NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

**LOCATION:** Las Vegas, Nev.

**STADIUM:** Silver Bowl (32,000).

**COACH:** Jim Strong (14-19 overall/and at Nevada-Las Vegas).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-5.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 55.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Jared Brown, QB, 5-10, 185, Jr.; Omar Love, TB, 6-1, 180, So.; Shannon McLean, FB, 6-1, 220, Jr. (1st-team All-Big West); Henry Bailey, WR/KR, 5-10, 180, Jr. (1st-team All-Big West); Demond Thompkins, WR, 5-11, 165, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big West); Tom Lewis, TE, 6-4, 225, Jr.; Jerry Reynolds, T, 6-6, 300, Sr.; Brian Massey, G, 6-2, 265, Jr.; Howard McGowen, C, 6-4, 260, Jr. (HM All-Big West); George Wilson, G, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Tracie Perry, T, 6-3, 290, Sr.; Nick Garritano, PK, 6-0, 240, Jr. (HM All-Big West).

**Defense**—Erik Simien, DE, 6-2, 240, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big West); Tiger Townes, DT, 6-5, 270, Sr.; Stephen Anderson, DT, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Keith Washington, DE, 6-4, 250, Jr. (HM All-Big West); Jason Medlock, OLB, 6-3, 230, Sr.; Rumone Hilton, MLB, 6-0, 230, Sr.; Marvin Robinson, OLB, 6-0, 200, So.; Clarence Mack, CB, 6-0, 185, Jr.; D'Mentre Lacy, CB, 6-2, 180, Sr. (HM All-Big West); Jason Davis, SS, 6-0, 180, Jr.; Rodney Mazion, FS, 5-8, 160, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big West); Brad Faunce, P, 6-1, 175, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT-PLAYERS:** Bob Stockham, QB; Henry Bailey, WR; Shannon McLean, FB; Demond Thompkins, WR; Rumone Hilton, MLB; Rodney Mazion, FS.

**KEY NEWCOMERS:** Jared Brown, QB; Rich Mausau, DT; Marvin Robinson, FS; Fred McClendon, TE; Brad Faunce, P.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** John Hurley, OL; Lonnie Palelei, OL; Brian Parvin, P.

seven from 30-39 yards. All-conference return-man Henry Baile averaged 24 yards on kickoffs and nearly 15 per punt.

**Environment:** In the fourth and final year of his contract Strong is finally starting juniors and seniors, but he has been under fire from boosters. While Strong would appear to be on perfect track, some people reason that anything short of a Vegas Bowl title won't keep him at UNLV.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Rebels don't get a schedule break, playing what promises to be the other four toughest teams in the conference—San Jose, Louisiana Tech, Utah State and Nevada.

**Outlook:** The lack of consistency from the quarterback position and a porous run defense must be improved. The talent is there, and it's no longer inexperienced.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** no.

## 5. NORTHERN ILLINOIS

**Offense:** Johnson is a given behind the conference's biggest line (which averages more than 280 pounds), but if the Huskies are to be really effective, quarterback Scott Crabtree, who completed 38 percent of his passes in '92, must do better as a senior to keep defenses honest.

**Defense:** Inside linebackers Gerald Nickelberry (101 tackles) and Tony Smith (142 tackles), and outside linebackers Steve Wild (113 tackles, 10 sacks and tackles for losses) and C.J. Rose form a top-flight quartet.

**Special Teams:** Place-kicker Brian Steger (21-23 extra points and 12-of-16 field goals) is among the Big West's best,

## ALL-BIG WEST

**First-team offense:** QB Anthony Cavillo, Utah State; RB LeShon Johnson, Northern Illinois; RB Shannon McLean, Nevada-Las Vegas; WR Bryan Reeves, Nevada; WR Henry Bailey, Nevada-Las Vegas; TE Aubrey Thompson, Utah State; OT Jed DeVries, Utah State; OT Sam Heinen, Southwestern Louisiana; OG Tim O'Brien, Northern Illinois; OG Warren Bowers, Utah State; C Ryan O'Donnell, Nevada; K Joe Nedney, San Jose State; KR Polee Banks, New Mexico State.

**First-team defense:** DE Eric Simien, Nevada-Las Vegas; DE Troy Sienkiewicz, New Mexico State; DT Kavin Crawford, Louisiana Tech; DT David Miller, Nevada; LB Grant Carter, Pacific; LB Jermaine Younger, Utah State; LB Steve Bryant, Nevada; CB Darius Cunnigan, Pacific; CB Dee Grayer, San Jose State; S Michael Coe, Utah State; S Rodney Mazion, Nevada-Las Vegas; P Lee Myhre, San Jose State.

**Second-team offense:** QB Jeff Garcia, San Jose State; RB Nathan DuPree, San Jose State; RB Marcellus Chrishon, Nevada; WR Jim Ray, Utah State; WR Demond Thompkins, Nevada-Las Vegas; TE, Tom Matter, Nevada; OT John Cotti, San Jose State; OT Eric Alvarez, Pacific; G Wally Bonnett, San Jose State; G Joe Patterson, Northern Illinois; C Howard McGowen, Nevada-Las Vegas; K Chris Boniol, Louisiana Tech; KR Chris Singleton, Nevada.

**Second-team defense:** DE Keith Washington, Nevada-Las Vegas; DE Steve Wild, Northern Illinois; DT John Robinson, Southwestern Louisiana; DT Tom Wade, New Mexico State; LB Tony Smith, Northern Illinois; LB Charles Pool, Southwestern Louisiana; LB Tim Mauck, New Mexico State; CB D'Mentre Lacy, Nevada-Las Vegas; CB Marc Shaw, New Mexico State; S Dimitri Gazelas, Pacific; S Troy Jensen, San Jose State; P Chad Zecha, New Mexico State.



## ON THE HOT SEAT

### 1. Nevada-Las Vegas coach Jim Strong

*Strong is in the fourth and final year of his contract, and winning the Las Vegas Bowl might be the only way to save his job.*

### 2. Pacific program

*The Board of Regents voted to keep the athletic program at the Division I level in all sports in January, a seemingly positive move after a few years of questions about the football program. Votes of support haven't always meant too much, though—take a look at Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton the past two years.*

### 3. Northern Illinois quarterback Scott Crabtree

*The Huskies need to have him come through in order to balance the attack and open up defenses for running back LeShon Johnson. It's the difference between an average team and a title contender.*

#### NORTHERN ILLINOIS

**LOCATION:** DeKalb, Ill.

**STADIUM:** Huskie Stadium (30,998).

**COACH:** Charlie Sadler (7-15 overall/and at Northern Illinois).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 40.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Scott Crabtree, QB, 6-1, 199, Sr.; LeShon Johnson, TB, 6-0, 201, Sr. (HM UPI All-American); Brian Cotton, FB, 6-0, 224, Sr.; Vaurice Patterson, FL, 5-1, 165, Jr.; Otha Brooks, WR, 6-0, 184, So.; Raymond Roberts, TE, 6-3, 242, Sr.; Matt Clarkson, T, 6-4, 265, Sr.; Joe Paterson, G, 6-2, 288, Sr.; Mike Sutherland, C, 6-2, 284, Fr.; Tim O'Brien, G, 6-4, 283, Sr.; Derek Sholdice, T, 6-4, 286, So.; Brian Steger, PK, 6-1, 170, Sr.; Steve Rodgers, KR, 5-11, 189, Sr.

**Defense**—Duane Arrindell, DE, 6-2, 259, Fr.; Troy Seabrook, 5-11, 239, So.; Greg Bryant, DE, 6-1, 235, Jr.; Steve Wild, OLB, 6-2, 209, Sr.; C.J. Rose, OLB, 6-2, 236, So.; Gerald Nickelberry, ILB, 6-1, 202, Jr.; Tony Smith, ILB, 5-11, 212, Sr.; MacArthur Griffin, CB, 5-11, 175, Jr.; Eddie Davis, CB, 5-9, 167, Jr.; Eric Lacy, SS, 6-1, 184, Sr. Chad Smith, FS, 5-10, 170, So.; Jamie Dobay, P, 5-11, 159, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Lehon Johnson, RB, Scott Crabtree, QB; Tony Smith, ILB; Steve Wild, OLB; Gerald Nickelberry, ILB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Sam Denson, SS; Kenya Smith, CB; Ralph Strickland, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Larry Wynn, FL; Rob Wagner, NG; Jeff Taylor, SS; Tom Rhomberg, FS.

but Jamie Dobay needs to improve on his 36-yard average.

**Environment:** Northern Illinois is a program that has had its share of success, but it could use a boost, and joining the Big West may be the right step. The Huskies program has been up and down since leaving the MAC in '85.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Huskies mix in a quality non-conference schedule of Iowa State, Indiana, Iowa and Mississippi around a conference slate that omits contenders San Jose State, Utah State and Nevada-Las Vegas. Tough road conference games include Nevada and Louisiana Tech.

**Outlook:** The schedule is a big benefit, but the Huskies must answer questions.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-5.

**Bowl:** no.

### 6. LOUISIANA TECH

**Offense:** Running backs Jason Cooper (733 yards, only returning starter) and Gino Davis will be key elements in the multiple set, pro-I offense under new coordinator Dan Werner, but late recruit Billy Thomas (5-10, 210 pounds) was a preseason All-American before a knee injury cut his high school senior season short in '91. Returning quarterback Aaron Ferguson had a good spring, but will face challenges. The coaches like redshirt freshman Jason Martin's tools.

**Defense:** Tackle Kevin Crawford, line-backer Fred Price and cornerback Chris Gray are the only returning starters from a 43 defense that limited opponents to 15 points a game. Coaches feel this year's version is faster, especially the linebacking corps, but help is needed in the secondary.

**Special Teams:** Place-kicker Chris Boniol is a gem, having hit on 34-of-59 career field goals and 96-of-100 extra

#### LOUISIANA TECH

**LOCATION:** Ruston, La.

**STADIUM:** Joe Aillet (30,200).

**COACH:** Joe Raymond Peace (30-21-4 overall/and at Louisiana Tech).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 27.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Jason Martin, QB, 6-3, 205, Fr.; Jason Cooper, RB, 6-0, 204, Jr.; WR, Brian Francis, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Cliff Parks, FL, 5-9, 178, Sr.; Gerald Lawrence, WB, 5-11, 186, Jr.; Trenton Ropp, TE, 6-4, 230, Jr.; Preston Washington, T, 6-4, 243, So.; Greg Lancaster, G, 6-5, 250, Jr.; Brad Bull, C, 6-3, 260, Jr.; Jerry Byrd, G, 6-5, 275, So.; John Rogers, T, 6-5, 255, So.; Chris Boniol, PK, 6-0, 160, Sr.; Eric Redmon, KR, 5-8, 173, Sr.

**Defense**—Ferris Keller, DE, 6-1, 241, So.; Thedrick Harris, DT, 6-0, 260, Jr.; Kevin Crawford, DT, 6-2, 270, Sr.; Derrick Moore, DE, 6-3, 253, So.; Fred Price, OLB, 6-3, 220, Jr.; Lace Reed, MLB, 6-0, 215, So.; Carlos Bolton, OLB, 6-0, 213, Sr.; Russell Clark, CB, 5-9, 160, Sr.; Chris Gray, C, 5-11, 170, Jr.; Mark Traylor, DB, 6-1, 200, Jr.; Rocky Kingrea, FS, 5-11, 193, Sr.; Mark Boyer, P, 5-10, 170, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Jason Cooper, RB; Kevin Crawford, DT; Jason Martin, QB; Gerald Lawrence, WB.

**KEY NEWCOMERS:** Billy Thomas, RB; Trenton Ropp, TE; Wes Brewer, OL; Robert Coultery, OL; Eric Sarkis, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Corey Parham, WR; Willie Roaf, OT; Myron Baker, ILB; Doug Evans, R.

points. Punting is unproven, and Tech could stand to improve its kick coverage.

**Environment:** Tech has maintained a competitive program while playing a tough non-conference schedule.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Tech's fate in the Big West will be determined during the second half of the season against three Western teams—at San Jose State, Nevada-Las Vegas and at Utah State.

**Outlook:** Some look at Louisiana Tech as a conference contender its first year in the league, but with just four starters back this team has a lot of questions to answer.

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-6.

**Bowl:** no.

### 7. NEW MEXICO STATE

**Offense:** Graduation decimated a quality offense. Quarterback Cody Ledbetter led the Aggies to wins in his two starts as a freshman in 1991, runs well and has improved his arm. Deep threat Polee Banks came to Las Cruces after earning Big West

#### NEW MEXICO STATE

**LOCATION:** Las Cruces, N.M.

**STADIUM:** Aggie Memorial (30,300).

**COACH:** Jim Hess (121-77-5 overall/9-24 at New Mexico State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-5.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 36.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Cody Ledbetter, QB, 6-1, 190, So.; Brian Pizula, HB, 5-10, 198, Jr.; Troy Dublin, FB, 5-9, 190, Sr.; David Osborne, WR, 6-1, 182, Jr.; Polee Banks, WR/KR, 5-8, 160, Sr. (HM All-Big West); Aaron Laing, TE, 6-3, 235, Sr.; Ishan Rison, T, 6-1, 250, Sr.; Heath Haedge, G, 6-3, 245, So.; Gerald Slovacsek, C, 6-2, 259, Jr.; Derek Mertz, G, 6-2, 265, Sr.; Mark Minihinnick, 6-4, 265, Sr.; Bubba Culin, PK, 6-3, 195, So.

**Defense**—Troy Sienkiewicz, DE, 6-4, 277, Jr.; Tom Wade, NT, 6-2, 250, Sr.; Steve Gilbert, DE, 6-3, 255, Sr.; Samuel Manuel, OLB, 6-3, 230, So.; Bryan Duplessis, OLB, 6-3, 210, Jr.; Tim Mauck, ILB, 6-1, 205, Jr. (2nd-team All-Big West); Mike Wall, ILB, 6-1, 230, Sr.; David Barela, CB, 5-11, 186, Sr.; Donald Stowers, CB, 6-2, 200, Sr. (2nd-team All-Big West); Marc Shaw, SS, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Cedric Walton, FS, 5-9, 175, S.; Chad Zecha, P, 6-0, 190, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Cody Ledbetter, QB; Tim Mauck, ILB; Troy Sienkiewicz, DE; Mike Wall, ILB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Samuel Manuel, OLB; Sandor Manuel, TE; Adrian Lomas, DE; Dean LaChapelle, DE; Polee Banks, WR; Beau LeBreton, OLB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Charles Puleri, QB; Todd Cutler, TE; Fred Montgomery, WR/KOR; Lawrence Truehill, RB; Sam Austrino, NT.

honors at Cal State Fullerton.

**Defense:** Linebackers Ti Mauck, Mike Wall and Bryan Duplessis lead the way along with cornerback Donald Stowers. Seven starters return, but the line must be rebuilt.

**Special Teams:** Pizula was one of the nation's best kickoff returners a year ago with 26 yards per return, including a 97-yard touchdown, and Banks returns both kickoffs (26.4) and punts (9.0). As freshmen punter Chad Zecha averaged 40 yards per kick, and kicker Bubba Culin hit 33-36 extra points.

**Environment:** Coach Jim Hess was the toast of the town last fall after bringing New



Mexico State only its second winning season in 25 years with a victory that knocked San Jose State out of the Vegas Bowl. He should be around for some time.

#### **Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:**

Kansas State and Auburn are the big boys out of the Big West, but the Aggies' big games, aside from non-conference rivals UTEP and New Mexico, come at home against San Jose State and Utah State and on the road at Nevada-Las Vegas.

**Outlook:** The Aggies might eke out a .500 record in the Big West and still wind up in seventh.

**Petersen Predicts:** 4-7.

**Bowl:** no.

### **8. SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA**

**Offense:** Quarterback Jason Sanborn, a JC transfer, will guide the Cajuns' change from an option attack to a multiple pro-set, and the coaching staff is high on the offense's potential. Sophomore backs Todd Thomas and Ray Weathers spark the running game behind a promising offensive line led by Sam Heinen.

**Defense:** Senior inside linebacker Charles Pool, the team's leading tackler, heads a new attacking 50 defense that will often show a 43 front. Tackle John Robinson and end Conrad Lewis anchor the line, while free safety Orlando Thomas could be an impact player.

**Special Teams:** The kicking game is untested. Wide receiver Tori Williams returns kickoffs.

**Environment:** Coach Nelson Stokley resigned his athletic director duties to concentrate on football and feels he has the most offensive talent in his eight years at

the helm.

#### **Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:**

Louisiana Tech is always a key rivalry for the Cajuns, and now it takes on conference implications in the season finale Nov. 27.

**Outlook:** Things may be looking up in Southwestern Louisiana's camp, but they won't be in the Big West race this season.

**Petersen Predicts:** 2-9.

**Bowl:** no.

### **9. PACIFIC**

**Offense:** Coach Chuck Shelton is junking the run-and-shoot, so crafty veteran quarterback David Henigan returns for his senior season to guide what should be a balanced pro-set attack. Wide receiver Kerry Brown and Ron Smith show great promise, and 310-pound tackle Eric Alvarez is turning heads.

**Defense:** First-team all-conference outside linebacker Grant Carter (17 tackles for loss, 10 sacks and four fumbles caused) is a force as a pass-rusher. Pacific's new coordinators instituted a simple base zone defense emphasizing pursuit and cut the unit's points allowed per game from 40 in '91 to 26.

**Special Teams:** Punter Jason Schouten averaged just fewer than 40 yards a kick.

**Environment:** Former NFL quarterback Bob Lee, the Pacific athletic director, is a big football supporter and a fund-raiser supreme during tough times at UOP.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Pacific opens the conference slate at Northern Illinois and Nevada comes to town Oct. 30.

**Outlook:** The Tigers have some quality returners, but don't seem to have the hors-

es in a year when the Big West race looks like a tough one.

**Petersen Predicts:** 2-9.

**Bowl:** no.

### **10. ARKANSAS STATE**

**Offense:** Fleet-footed Kendrick Bullard (22 catches) and Blake Denison (15.2 yards per catch) are capable wide receivers. First-year coach John Bobo wants to see the ball in the air more after the Indians averaged 10 points a game last season, so don't be surprised if Maurice Harris, a high school quarterback who was a receiver the past two years, takes the starting spot from Tom Sears.

**Defense:** Linebacker Carlos Emmons (second in tackles) and heady free safety Clark Watkins lead this defense, but it's a unit that allowed 5.7 yards per carry and an average of 20 points by half-time last season. The team speed has improved, and JC transfer Ed Rufus gives the squad some of the size it seriously lacked up front a year ago.

**Special Teams:** Sophomore Joey Staples will handle all place-kicking duties for a team that had one field goal in '92.

**Environment:** Bobo, the laid-back son of a Southern Baptist preacher in Georgia, is a player's coach.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The New Mexico State game is the conference opener at home, and Louisiana Tech and Memphis State mark regional rivalries Oct. 2 and 9.

**Outlook:** The Indians may be better than the 2-9 team of a year ago that was outscored 340-73 in its nine losses, but not much.

**Petersen Predicts:** 1-10.

**Bowl:** no.

### **PACIFIC**

**LOCATION:** Stockton, Calif.

**STADIUM:** Amos Alonzo Stagg Memorial Stadium (30,153).

**COACH:** Chuck Shelton (69-106-1 overall/3-8 at Pacific).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 3-8.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 31.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Dave Henigan, QB, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Howard Blackwell, TB, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Daryl Rogers, FB, 6-0, 196, Sr.; Kerry Brown, WR, 6-4, 205, Jr.; Ron Smith, WR, 6-2, 180, Fr.; Bill Cox, TE, 6-4, 225, Jr.; Eric Alvarez, T, 6-5, 310, Sr.; Dan Weldon, G, 6-5, 285, So.; Aaron McClellan, C, 6-3, 250, Jr.; Matt Nicholls, G, 6-4, 263, Jr.; Matt McGinn, T, 6-4, 275, Jr.; Doug McDaniel, PK, 5-9, 180, So.

**Defense**—Jyme Daniels, DT, 6-2, 280, Jr.; Owen Taylor, DT, 6-1, 275, Jr.; David Karthaus, DT, 6-2, 240, Sr.; Grant Carter, OLB, 6-1, 205, Sr. (1st-team All-Big West); Jami Anderson, OLB, 6-0, 198, So.; Dominic Kaanaana, ILB, 6-0, 225, Jr.; Clint Carter, ILB, 6-0, 200, So.; Darius Cunnigan, CB, 5-10, 172, Jr. (HM All-Big West); Duane Thomas, CB, 6-0, 170, Jr.; Dimitri Gazelas, SS, 5-10, 176, Sr. (HM All-Big West); Jeff Russell, FS/PR, 6-0, 175, So.; Jason Schouten, P, 6-3, 194, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Dave Henigan, QB; Eric Alvarez, OT; Grant Carter, OLB; Darius Cunnigan, CB; Jeff Russell, FS; Dimitri Gazelas, SS.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Matt McGinn, OT; Clint Carter, ILB; Jyme Daniels, DT; Jesse Atkinson, OT; Howard Blackwell, TB; Kerry Brown, WR; Mark Fa'alita, DT.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Ryan Benjamin, TB; Troy Kopp, QB; Aaron Turner, WR; Kale Wedemeyer,

### **SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA**

**LOCATION:** Lafayette, La.

**STADIUM:** Cajun Field (31,000).

**COACH:** Nelson Stokley (34-42-1 overall/and at Southwestern Louisiana).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 2-9.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Jason Sanborn, QB, 6-2, 205, Jr.; Todd Thomas, TB, 5-9, 219, So.; Ray Weathers, FB, 5-8, 193, So.; Tori Williams, WR/KR, 5-11, 196, So.; Marcus Carter, WR, 6-0, 215, Sr.; Buck Mocla, TE, 6-2, 258, Sr.; Keno Hills, T, 6-5, 320, So.; Don Paul, G, 6-1, 276, Sr.; Robby Waguespack, C, 6-1, 260, Sr.; Brian Sansalone, G, 6-4, 273, So.; Sam Heinen, T, 6-5, 282, So.; Mike Shafer, PK, 5-10, 175, So.

**Defense**—Conrad Lewis, DE, 6-0, 265, Sr.; Sherard Hibodeaux, DT, 6-3, 318, Jr.; John Robinson, DT, 6-5, 260, Sr.; Jeff Mitchell, DE, 6-0, 228, So.; Charles Pool, ILB, 5-11, 223, Sr.; James Pennington, OLB, 6-1, 222, Sr.; Patrice Alexander, OLB, 6-1, 222, Sr.; Craig Roberts, CB and PR, 5-8, 185, Sr.; Fernando Thomas, CB, 6-0, 190, Jr.; Lerodric Gilmore, S, 5-9, 195, So.; Orlando Thomas, S, 6-1, 193, Jr.; Jody Watkins, P, 5-11, 209, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Marcus Carter, WR; Sam Heinen, OT; Orlando Thomas, S; John Robinson, DT; Charles Pool, ILB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Jason Sanborn, B; Stephen Swander, TE; Dexter Babineaux, OL; Charlie Cofield, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** James Atkins, DT; William Sims, LB; Donald Collins, S; Randy Baggett, P; Wayde Butler, WR.

### **ARKANSAS STATE**

**LOCATION:** Jonesboro, Ark.

**STADIUM:** Indians (33,410).

**COACH:** John Bobo (First year at Arkansas State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 2-9.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 49.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Maurice Harris, QB, 6-3, 200, Jr.; Corey Walker, HB, 5-10, 180, So.; Jerrold Seymore, FB, 5-7, 210, Jr.; Kendrick Bullard, WR/KOR, 6-1, 170, Sr.; Blake Denison, WR, 5-7, 160, Sr.; Clark McBride, TE, 6-2, 205, So.; Wayne Cope, T, 6-2, 280, Sr.; Stacy Harrell, G, 6-2, 280, Jr.; Roy James, C, 6-5, 275, So.; Jeremy Blohowiak, G, 6-2, 275, Jr.; Lorenzo Parker, T, 6-0, 290, Jr.; Joey Staples, PK, 6-0, 160, So.

**Defense**—Kenny Swopes, DE, 6-4, 260, Sr.; Ed Rufus, NG, 6-2, 285, Jr.; Mike McDonald, DT, 6-2, 260, Sr.; Carlos Emmons, DE, 6-4, 215, So.; Dale Carpenter, OLB, 6-0, 205, Jr.; Marcus Lawson, MLB, 5-11, 235, Sr.; Michael Beason, OLB, 5-11, 220, Sr.; Stacy Crockett, CB, 5-9, 175, Sr.; Curtis Fitch, CB, 5-11, 175, Jr.; FS, Clark Watkins, FS, 5-11, 175, So.; Brandon Luellen, SS, 5-9, 195, Sr.; Kyle Richardson, P, 6-2, 180, So.; Sammy Bell, PR, 6-1, 180, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Corey Walker, RB; Kendrick Bullard, WR, Blake Denison, WR; Ed Rufus, NG; Clark Watkins, FS; Carlos Emmons, DE.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Bill Ballew, OL; Jeff Hawkins, OT/DT; Brent Turner, OT; Jeremy Blohowiak, OL; Anthony Martinez, OL; Ed Rufus, NG.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Cedric Buckley, LB; Roy Collier, CB; Eric Tate, C.



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# MID-AMERICAN

Marcel Weems  
of Akron is  
another quarter-  
back who's

**T**here's a long-standing belief in sports that a team needs a strong defense in order to win a championship. There's little doubt a good defense is a key ingredient for title teams. Mid-American Conference football teams have proven during the last five seasons you also must have excellent quarterback play to win a championship.

It's no coincidence the last five MAC champs also produced the league's player of the year with a quarterback: Tony Kimbrough of Western Michigan in 1988, David Riley of Ball State in 1989, Jeff Bender of Central Michigan in 1990 and Erik White of Bowling Green in 1991 and '92.

History shows teams that line up as title contenders this season had better have a player at quarterback who's capable of leading his teammates to the top.

That's where Central Michigan and Akron step to the front in 1993. Both teams have the luxury of putting the ball in the hands of a great quarterback. For Central Michigan senior Joe Youngblood shattered school records last season for completions (161), attempts (278), yards (2,209) and touchdown passes (18). Youngblood owned the best passing efficiency rating in the MAC last year at 136.67—15 points greater than that of Player of the Year White. "If Joe had a similar season to last year, it would serve our football team well," Central Michigan head coach Herb Deromedi says.

## 1. CENTRAL MICHIGAN

**Offense:** The Chippewas I-formation was the third-best yardage producer in the MAC last season. Quarterback Joe Youngblood is back after leading the MAC in passing efficiency and breaking school records for completions, attempts, yards and touchdown passes. Brian Pruitt is one of the MAC's best running backs. The receiving corps, led by Terrance McMillan, is strong. Of some concern are several newcomers in the line.

**Defense:** The Chippewas "52" defense is keyed by a pair of potential all-conference picks, Bryant Satterlee at inside linebacker and Mike Kyler at outside linebacker. Richard Barker and Boris Martysz lead the secondary at the two safety positions. Concerns are at cornerback and in the line.

**Special Teams:** The biggest worry is to find a punter to replace Dennis Nicholl. Craig Fischer and Alex Kemp are top contenders. Chuck Selinger, who has made 30-of-50 career field goals, is back. Central

capable of taking his team to the title. His style of play, however, is totally opposite that of Youngblood. Weems is an option quarterback who's always a threat to run and whose passing skills are overlooked. He produced 194.3 yards of total offense per game while running the Zips' Pass-N-Pitch attack. Weems was seventh in the league in rushing and fourth in both passing efficiency and total offense. "We have only scratched the surface in this offense, even though we had some success with its execution in the past two seasons," Akron head coach Gerry Faust says.

The MAC stands to have several offensive stars this season. Besides Youngblood and Weems, Ball State quarterback Mike Neu is on the verge of eclipsing several school passing records.

Good running backs also abound, led by a pair of 1,000-yard rushers in Deland McCullough of Miami and Casey McBeth of Toledo. McCullough, MAC Freshman of the Year in 1992, rushed for 1,026 yards and led the league with a 114.0-yard average per game last season. McBeth was third in yards per game (94.3) while piling up 1,037 yards on the ground.

Also, Brian Pruitt of Central Michigan, Jim Vackaro of Western Michigan and Tim Curtis of Ohio all gained more than 800 yards last season.

was second in the MAC last year in kickoff returns, but last in punt returns.

**Environment:** Winning has been the name of the game. The Chips didn't have a losing season since 1964 until last year's 5-6 mark, but judging from this year's talent, they shouldn't be down long.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The season-opener is of huge importance since

## CENTRAL MICHIGAN

**LOCATION:** Mount Pleasant, Mich.

**STADIUM:** Kelly/Shorts Stadium (20,086).

**COACH:** Herb Deromedi (105-49-10 overall/and at Central Michigan).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Carl Barth, LT, 6-5, 290, So.; Bryan Carpenter, LG, 6-4, 275, So.; Brock Gutierrez, C, 6-3, 275, So.; Matt Nastally, RG, 6-1, 280, Jr.; Darrell McCaul, RT, 6-5, 295, Sr.; Jeremy Dunlap, TE, 6-2, 230, Jr.; D.J. Reid, FL, 5-11, 175, Sr.; Terrance McMillan, SE, 6-2, 185, So.; Joe Youngblood, QB, 6-0, 190, Sr. (HM All-MAC); Brian Pruitt, TB, 5-10, 205, Jr. (2nd-team All-MAC); Tim Wojcik, FB, 6-1, 215, Sr.

**Defense**—Dustin Preston, T, 6-3, 260, Jr.; Randy Danison, T, 6-5, 265, Jr.; Chad Preston, MG, 6-2, 265, Jr.; Chris Castle, OLB, 6-3, 220, Sr.; Mike Kyler, OLB, 6-3, 230, Sr. (2nd-team All-MAC); Bryant Satterlee, ILB, 6-2, 230, Sr.; Brandon Bruce, ILB, 6-1, 225, Jr.; Chad Murphy, CB, 6-1, 197, So.; Ralph Wallace, CB, 5-8, 165, Sr.; Boris Martysz, FS, 6-1, 205, Jr.; Richard Barker, SS, 6-1, 200, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Carl Barth, LT; Bryan Carpenter, LG.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Jerry Miller, WR; Tim Thomas, WR; Michael Woods, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Greg Sherwin, OT; Marty Malcolm, OG; Art Droski, C; Mike Nettie, DT; Lamar Sally, DT; Jason Wilkie, MG; Dennis Nicholl, P.

## ALL-MAC

**First-team offense:** QB Joe Youngblood, Central Michigan; RB Casey McBeth, Toledo; RB Deland McCullough, Miami; WR Tom Boyd, Toledo; WR Terrance McMillan, Central Michigan; TE Brad Long, Bowling Green; T Joe Wyse, Bowling Green; T Ryan Creed, Kent; G Jeff Chabot, Miami; G Chris Brenner, Miami; C Cal Bowers, Bowling Green; K Chad Seitz, Miami; KR Craig Thompson, Eastern Michigan.

**First-team defense:** DE Maurice Bulls, Toledo; DE Walter Campbell, Eastern Michigan; DT Terry Jackson, Toledo; DT Chris Allen, Miami; LB Peter Tuffo, Western Michigan; LB Phil Dunn, Akron; LB Mike Kyler, Central Michigan; CB Copatric Dartis, Ball State; CB Richard Palmer, Eastern Michigan; S Steve Hawkins, Western Michigan; S Al Baker, Toledo; P Gary Layton, Miami.

**Second-team offense:** QB Marcel Weems, Akron; RB Tim Curtis, Ohio; RB Brian Pruitt, Central Michigan; WR Chris Jenkins, Ohio; WR Brian Oliver, Ball State; TE Steve Koproski, Kent; T Chadd Dehn, Toledo; T Darren Reese, Ohio; G Mike Lyons, Akron; G Andy Berry, Ball State; C Peter Stone, Toledo; K Brian Leaver, Bowling Green; KR Courtney Burton, Ohio.

**Second-team defense:** DE Wayne Anderson, Akron; DE Bob Dudley, Bowling Green; DT Eugene Phillips, Akron; DT Robert Wojdelko, Ball State; LB Rich Yurkiewicz, Kent; LB Reese McCaskill, Eastern Michigan; LB Bryant Satterlee, Central Michigan; CB Wayne Wade, Akron; CB Pierre Hixon, Western Michigan; S Malawi Hills, Ball State; S Vance Benton, Kent; P Byron Hammons, Western Michigan.



Central Michigan and Akron, which should be the top two teams in the league, meet Sept. 2 in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

**Outlook:** Most important for a good season is the development of the offensive and defensive lines. If they prove to be capable, Central Michigan should win the MAC championship.

**Petersen Predicts:** 9-2.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 2. AKRON

**Offense:** The Zips Pass-N-Pitch offense revolves around elusive quarterback Marcel Weems, who produced nearly 200 yards of total offense per game last year. He can make tacklers miss. Four starters return in the offensive line, and Darrien Gouch is dependable at running back.

**Defense:** The Zips multiple "50" alignment is formed by a good line and dependable linebackers. LB Phil Dunn led the MAC with 201 tackles. Wayne Anderson is a three-year starter at end, and Wayne Wade at cornerback is one of the MAC's best.

**Special Team:** This is a big concern because of the solid play graduated kicker and punter Daron Alcorn gave Akron. Jeff Junko is the likely punter, and true freshman Shane Marsicano probably will win the

place-kicking duties.

**Environment:** Stability helps the Zips to build a program. Head Coach Gerry Faust has been there seven seasons, and last spring his contract was extended through the 1997 season.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Zips will learn how good they are right away when they open at MAC favorite Central Michigan Sept. 2. Two of the Zips' last three games are against teams (Ohio and Eastern Michigan) that should finish at the bottom of the league.

**Outlook:** Akron is a difficult opponent for MAC teams to prepare for because it employs an option offense. The Zips also have the talent on both sides of the ball to make a serious title run.

**Petersen Predicts:** 9-2.

**Bowl:** no.

## 3. TOLEDO

**Offense:** The Rockets will employ a multiple set and use more two-back formations this season. They'll find ways to utilize running backs Casey McBeth (1992 first-team All-MAC), Troy Parker (1990 MAC Freshman of the Year) and Reggie Walls. Terrence Mays, a transfer from Kansas, provides depth in the backfield. Wide receiver Tom Boyd is one of the best in the MAC. The major question facing Toledo is the quarterback position. Tim Kubiak, Mike Capen and Ryan Huzjak are bidding to replace Kevin Meger.

**Defense:** The stunt 4-3, which is gaining popularity throughout the country, fits the Rockets. Left end Maurice Bulls and right tackle Terry Jackson are two of the best linemen in the league. Al Baker at safety is another quality performer.

**Special Team:** The Rockets lost four-year starters in punter Brian Borders and place-kicker Rusty Hanna. Three punters and two kickers are bidding for starting jobs.

**Environment:** The Rockets program is stabilizing nicely with Head Coach Gary Pinkel starting his third season. The foundation is there for a solid team.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The season will open at Indiana—a strong test. The Rockets get MAC favorite Central Michigan at home and don't play Akron, another title threat.

**Outlook:** The Rockets have enough ingredients to challenge for the championship, but much depends on how the new quarterback plays. "The quarterback needs to run the offense, but he doesn't have to be a hero because he will have good people around him," Pinkel says.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** no.

## TOLEDO

**LOCATION:** Toledo, Ohio.

**STADIUM:** Glass Bowl (26,248).

**COACH:** Gary Pinkel (13-8-1 overall/and at Toledo).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 8-3.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 33.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Chadd Dehn, T, 6-2, 288, Jr.; Steve Hamilton, T, 6-4, 287, Sr.; Kevin Montgomery, G, 6-3, 270, So.; Charlie Webb, G, 6-2, 279, Jr.; Peter Stone, C, 6-1, 250, So.; Steve Rosi, TE, 6-3, 226, So.; Tim Kubiak, QB, 6-1, 194, So.; Casey McBeth, TB, 5-10, 204, Sr. (1st-team All-MAC); Reggie Walls, FB, 5-11, 229, Sr.; Tom Boyd, SE, 6-1, 195, Sr. (HM All-MAC); Scott Brunswick, FL, 6-1, 195, So.

**Defense**—Maurice Bulls, LE, 6-3, 257, Sr. (1st-team All-MAC); Ernie Baskin, RE, 6-3, 233, So.; Terry Jackson, RT, 6-2, 260, Sr. (2nd-team All-MAC); Bo Reichart, LT, 6-4, 252, Jr.; Jim Gant, MLB, 6-0, 225, Sr.; John Formentin, OLB, 6-4, 220, Sr.; Aristotle Wilson, OLB, 6-0, 198, So.; Chad Brown, CB, 5-9, 172, Sr.; Jamal Belt, CB, 5-8, 170, So.; Kevin McKinney, SS, 6-0, 193, Jr.; Al Baker, FS, 6-0, 190, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Tim

Kubiak, QB; Jim Gant, MLB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Mark Herron, DB/WR;

Terrence Mays, RB; Chuck Reynolds, RB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Andy McCollum, OG; Marcus Goodwin, WR; Kevin Meger, QB; Darrell Mossburg, MLB; Dan Williams, DE.

## 4. MIAMI (OHIO)

**Offense:** The Redskins will use multiple sets that will be dominated by a strong running game. Tailback Deland McCullough was the top freshman rusher in the nation in 1992 with 1,026 yards. Jim Clement was moved from quarterback to split end and replaced by Neil Dougherty, who returns. Chris Brenner and Jeff Chabot anchor the right side of the line at guard and tackle.

## MIAMI

**LOCATION:** Oxford, Ohio.

**STADIUM:** Fred C. Yager Stadium (25,183).

**COACH:** Randy Walker (17-13-3 overall/and at Miami).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-4-1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 34.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Jim Clement, SE, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Chad Estes, LT, 6-4, 270, Jr.; Cipriano Beredo, LG, 6-3, 262, Sr.; Matt Cravens, C, 6-4, 250, Fr.; Chris Brenner, RG, 6-3, 280, Sr. (HM All-MAC); Jeff Chabot, RT, 6-3, 285, Jr. (2nd-team All-MAC); Brian Besse, TE, 6-2, 240, Sr.; Jeremy Patterson, FL, 6-3, 215, Jr.; Neil Dougherty, QB, 6-2, 220, Jr.; Robert Echols, FB, 5-8, 200, Jr.; Deland McCullough, TB, 5-11, 180, So. (1st-team All-MAC).

**Defense**—Chris Rhodes, LE, 6-2, 240, Fr.; Bill Atha, LT, 6-3, 250, Jr.; Chris Allen, RT, 6-0, 230, Sr.; Jason Michelson, RE, 6-3, 245, Sr.; Robert Blanton, OLB, 6-0, 205, Sr.; Nick Kamberis, MLB, 5-11, 212, Sr.; Jason Phillips, OLB, 6-1, 225, Jr.; Marius Douglas, CB, 6-0, 175, Jr.; David Thomas, CB, 6-1, 180, Jr.; David Wilson, SS, 6-0, 185, Jr.; Harvey Kelley, FS, 5-11, 176, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Neil Dougherty, QB, Nick Kamberis, MLB; Harvey Kelley, FS.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Matt Cravens, C; Wince Morris, QB; Ty King, RB; Chris Rhodes, DE; Tremayne Banks, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** James Patton, TE; Curt McMillan, MLB; Mark Staten, DT; Shean Williams, CB; Ron Carpenter, FS.

## AKRON

**LOCATION:** Akron, Ohio.

**STADIUM:** Rubber Bowl (35,202).

**COACH:** Gerry Faust (67-63-4 overall/37-37-3 at Akron).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-3-1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 39.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—John Thomas, LT, 6-5, 250, So.; Mike Lyons, LG, 6-5, 260, Jr.; Eric Agosti, C, 6-2, 250, Jr.; J.J. Schidemantle, RG, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Matt Rose, RT, 6-4, 290, Jr.; Kenny Chapman, WR, 6-2, 190, Sr.; Jeff Blakely, WR, 5-10, 180, Sr.; Marcel Weems, QB, 6-2, 210, Sr.; Darrien Gouch, HB, 5-9, 170, Sr.; Marlon Jacobs, HB, 5-10, 195, Jr.; Pete Ieli, FB, 6-1, 230, Jr.

**Defense**—Wayne Anderson, E, 5-11, 270, Sr.; Chris Haskins, E, 6-3, 280, Sr.; Eugene Phillips, NG, 6-3, 260, Sr.; Jason Taylor, OLB, 6-5, 220, So.; Jeff Junko, OLB, 6-3, 200, Jr.; Chad Licht, ILB, 6-4, 200, Jr.; Phil Dunn, ILB, 6-0, 230, Jr.; Ted Draper, CB, 5-10, 160, Jr.; Wayne Wade, CB, 6-1, 185, Sr.; Pete Habib, FS, 6-1, 185, Jr.; Lance Cash, SS, 6-2, 180, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Pete Habib, FS; Lance Cash, SS; Darrien Gouch, HB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Shane Marsicano, PK; Corey Christian, FB; DaWann Gray, RB; Jeff Hast, DL; Gerald Thompson, RB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Daron Alcorn, PK/P; Chris Owens, FS; Victor Green, SS; Bruce Keys, ILB; Jerry Best, OLB; Chris Sutyak, OL; Lavern Bass.

## ON THE HOT SEAT

### 1. Ohio coach Tom Lichtenberg

*The Bobcats would like to see some improvement this season after four wins in his first three years on the job.*

### 2. Kent coach Pete Cordelli

*He talks a good game about his team pushing for a common goal. Now it's time to back that up with some production in the win column.*

### 3. Ball State quarterback Mike Neu

*Many of the great players around him are gone, and he must take his game to a higher level this season.*



respectively.

**Defense:** The Redskins 4-3 defense is capable of stuffing opponents' running games and putting strong pressure on quarterbacks. The front four are led by pass-rushing specialist Chris Allen at end and Bill Atha, a two-year starter at tackle. Linebacker Johnnie Williams was one of the top freshmen in the MAC last year.

**Special Teams:** Freshman kicker Chad Seitz was a surprise and a major contributor last season when he connected on 14-of-18 field goals. Punter Gary Layton was second in the MAC with a Miami record 41.7 average.

**Environment:** After slumping in the late 1980s, the Redskins are on the rise with three straight non-losing seasons. They're 13-9-2 in the MAC in the last three years.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** What factor they are in the MAC will be determined by road games at Akron Oct. 9 and at Toledo Oct. 16.

**Outlook:** Miami's overall skill level is improved, and McCullough is a great running back. The best test comes on defense where the Redskins must replace MAC Defensive Player of the Year Curt McMillan at linebacker. He was the heart and soul of a quality defense.

**Petersen Predicts:** 7-4.

**Bowl:** no.

## 5. BOWLING GREEN

**Offense:** The Falcons Pro-I is anchored by the best offensive line in the MAC. Tackle Joe Wyse and center Cal Bowers are the leaders. Tailback Zeb Jackson rushed for 730 yards last season and will be utilized more this year because quarterback Erik White, the MAC's Player of the Year last season, graduated. Ryan Henry moves from backup quarterback to starter.

### BOWLING GREEN

**LOCATION:** Bowling Green, Ohio.

**STADIUM:** Doyt L. Perry Stadium (30,599).

**COACH:** Gary Blackney (21-3 overall/and at Bowling Green).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 10-2.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 30.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Brad Long, TE, 6-5, 235, Sr. (2nd-team All-MAC); Jason Peters, RT, 6-5, 285, Jr.; Norman Hammoud, RG, 6-4, 290, Jr.; Cal Bowers, C, 6-1, 275, Jr.; Matt Foley, LG, 6-1, 265, Sr.; Joe Wyse, LT, 6-5, 300, Sr. (1st-team All-MAC); Ronnie Redd, SE, 5-10, 185, Jr.; Ramier Martin, FL, 6-3, 180, Jr.; Ryan Henry, QB, 6-0, 200, So.; Darius Card, FB, 6-0, 215, So.; Zeb Jackson, TB, 6-0, 190, Sr.

**Defense—**Curtis Collins, E, 6-6, 255, Jr.; Bob Dudley, T, 6-5, 280, Sr. (2nd-team All-MAC); Clint Frazier, NG, 6-3, 250, Sr.; Akili Hutchinson, OLB, 6-2, 200, So.; Trevor Stover, OLB, 6-4, 210, So.; Jason Woullard, ILB, 6-2, 210, So.; Vince Palko, ILB, 6-2, 220, Jr.; Shane Foster, CB, 6-0, 190, Jr.; Darnell Staten, CB, 5-8, 165, Sr.; Steve Rodriguez, FS, 5-11, 170, So.; Shawn Foster, SS, 6-0, 190, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Ryan Henry, QB; Zeb Jackson, RB; Jason Woullard, ILB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Shane Foster, CB; Shawn Foster, S/CB; Tony Everhart, CB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Erik White, QB; Mark Szlachcic, FL; LeRoy Smith, RB; Kevin O'Brien, OLB; Artie Mangham, ILB; Carlos Brooks, CB; Ken Burrell, CB; Dave Bielinski, S; Joe Bair, S.

**Defense:** The Falcons 3-4 set is headed by tackle Bob Dudley and inside linebacker Vince Palko. The main weakness is in the secondary since three starters graduated, and Joe Bair, a first-team All-MAC pick, ended his career prematurely after a compression fracture of his back in the Las Vegas Bowl.

**Special Teams:** Brian Leaver hit 8-of-9 field goals last year. Rob Donahue ranked seventh in the MAC in punting. The Falcons need to improve their 33.1 net punting average, but punt and kickoff returns were above average.

**Environment:** Coach Gary Blackney has instilled a strong winning attitude in leading Bowling Green to a 21-3 record in his first two seasons. A major boost was a competitive game at Ohio State (the Falcons lost 17-6) in front of 95,000 fans.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Ryan Henry's debut at quarterback will make the opener at Virginia Tech Sept. 4 an important game. Arch-rival and MAC title contender Toledo is the Falcons' homecoming foe Oct. 2. If Bowling Green can get in the race, a Nov. 13 contest at Central Michigan could decide both teams' fates.

**Outlook:** Getting their running game in high gear will be crucial for the Falcons. Their outstanding line should be a big boost to the offense.

**Petersen Predicts:** 7-4.

**Bowl:** no.

## 6. BALL STATE

**Offense:** After two years of running the one-back offense, the Cardinals will revert to the I-formation this season. Two new players to watch in the offense are tailback Tony Nibbs and fullback Mike Blair. Quarterback Mike Neu is a three-year

### BALL STATE

**LOCATION:** Muncie, Ind.

**STADIUM:** Ball State Stadium (16,319).

**COACH:** Paul Schudel (47-40-2 overall/and at Ball State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 22.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Mike McClain, LT, 6-0, 260, Sr.; Andy Berry, LG, 6-3, 270, Jr.; Mike Freely, C, 6-4, 257, Jr.; Lance Wildoner, RG, 6-4, 290, Sr.; Jose Munoz, RT, 6-4, 286, Sr.; Ted Freeman, TE, 6-5, 215, So.; Brian Oliver, FL, 6-3, 190, Jr.; Kyle Robinson, SE, 5-10, 183, So.; Mike Neu, QB, 6-5, 215, Sr.; Tony Nibbs, TB, 6-3, 215, Jr.; Mike Blair, FB, 6-0, 210, Fr.

**Defense—**Scott Kruger, T, 6-2, 232, Jr.; Tony Rousch, T, 6-2, 265, Fr.; Scott Jordan, E, 6-1, 216, Jr.; Jack Haworth, E, 6-4, 234, Jr.; Keith McKenzie, MLB, 6-4, 200, So.; Joe Coffman, OLB, 6-0, 215, Sr.; Kevin Johnson, OLB, 6-0, 210, Jr.; Copatric Darts, CB, 5-10, 172, Sr.; Jacob Goldwire, CB, 5-9, 174, Jr.; Malawi Hills, FS, 6-0, 194, Sr.; Darrell Graham, SS, 6-0, 190, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Mike Neu, QB; Keith McKenzie, MLB; Joe Coffman, OLB; Kevin Johnson, OLB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Mike Blair, RB; Tony Rousch, DT; Robert Wojdelko, DT; Raphael Ball, CB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Corey Croom, RB; Blaine Bishop, CB; Mark Parris, LB; Don Stonefield, LB; Henry Hall, OLB; Bryant Branigan, DT; Carl Kendrick, NG; Troy Hoffer, S; Mike LeSure, WR; Tim Christian, OT.

starter and is within easy reach of several school passing records. Brian Oliver is emerging as a good wide receiver.

**Defense:** The Cardinals are starting almost from scratch with the loss of eight starters, and they'll switch from a 3-4 to a 4-3 this year. The only returning starters are Scott Jordan at tackle, Copatric Darts at cornerback and Malawi Hills at safety. Darts and Hills form the core of a secondary that should be the strength of the defense.

**Special Teams:** Matt Swart hit 9-of-17 field goals as a freshman place-kicker. Walk-on Brad Maynard is the likely punter. Copatric Darts is an experienced kick returner. The Cardinals were the top punt coverage team in the MAC last year.

**Environment:** Ball State has slipped on the field little by little since winning the 1989 California Raisin Bowl.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Cardinals' new defense will get a major test Sept. 4 when Ball State plays at Syracuse. The Cards must face MAC title threats Central Michigan and Akron on the road.

**Outlook:** Ball State hasn't had back-to-back losing seasons since 1984 and '85, but that could be put to the test this season. The offense, which has limped behind a good defense the last three years, must carry an inexperienced defense this season.

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-6.

**Bowl:** no.

## 7. WESTERN MICHIGAN

**Offense:** The Broncos multiple offense with school career-passing leader Brad Tayles at the helm will have a new quarterback this season. Andrew Schorffhaar is the likely replacement for the graduated Tayles. Jim Vackaro emerged as a talented tailback as a freshman, rushing for 893 yards

### WESTERN MICHIGAN

**LOCATION:** Kalamazoo, Mich.

**STADIUM:** Waldo Stadium (30,000).

**COACH:** Al Molde (144-84-7 overall/38-27-1 at Western Michigan).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-3-1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 34.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Bob Mendoza, LT, 6-4, 275, Jr.; Matt Riordan, LG, 6-3, 274, So.; Tom Nutten, C, 6-5, 289, Jr.; Jim Pappas, RG, 6-4, 270, Jr.; Jason Biddle, RT, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Bronson Trebbi, TE, 6-3, 221, Jr.; Andre Wallace, FL, 5-9, 181, Jr.; Elan Banks, SE, 5-8, 168, Jr.; Andrew Schorffhaar, QB, 6-2, 204, Jr.; Jim Vackaro, TB, 5-8, 185, So. (HM All-MAC); Darrick Lott, FB, 6-1, 238, So.

**Defense—**Nate Palmer, T, 6-1, 225, Fr.; Dion Powell, T, 6-2, 265, So.; Tony Tiefenbach, E, 6-3, 233, Jr.; Pat Jackson, E, 6-3, 247, Fr.; Jerry McCaskill, OLB, 6-0, 208, Jr.; Rufus Harris, OLB, 6-0, 207, Jr.; Peter Tuffo, ILB, 6-0, 243, Jr.; Jeff Reynolds, CB, 5-10, 180, Sr.; Pierre Hixon, CB, 5-11, 186, Sr.; Steve Hawkins, FS, 6-5, 208, Sr. (HM All-MAC); Willis Porter, SS, 6-0, 190, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Andrew Schorffhaar, QB; Rufus Harris, OLB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Nate Palmer, DT; Pat Jackson, DE; Byron Hammons, P.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Brad Tayles, QB; Paul Hutchins, OT; Mark Ricks, CB; Ulric King, SE; Michael Coleman, TE; Dave Van Dale, OG; Scott Fleming, T; Carl Lopez, OLB; Dave Cutliff, DE.



and scoring six touchdowns.

**Defense:** Good pressure up front in a 4-3 set helped the Broncos secondary allow the fewest touchdown passes in the MAC last season (5). Free safety Steve Hawkins, one of the top hitters in the MAC, and cornerback Pierre Hixon help form a strong secondary. Linebacker Peter Tuffo returns as the team's top tackler.

**Special Teams:** Newcomers abound here, but the Broncos have high hopes for punter Byron Hammons, a junior-college transfer. Kevin Knope takes over as place-kicker.

**Environment:** The attitude the last few seasons was that Brad Tayles would take the Broncos where they wanted to go. He couldn't do it, and now the program is looking for a fresh start.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Broncos come out of the gate with three tough games: at home against Miami Sept. 2, at Purdue Sept. 11 and at home against Akron Sept. 18.

**Outlook:** Whatever success the Broncos have this season probably will depend on the play of new quarterback Andrew Schorffhaar. If he can't do the job, they'll probably turn to inexperienced sophomore Jay McDonagh.

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-6.

**Bowl:** no.

## 8. KENT

**Offense:** The Golden Flashes multiple offense has had trouble moving the ball in recent years. It ranked ninth in the MAC in total offense last year. Quarterback Kevin Shuman completed just 44 percent of his passes and threw two interceptions for every touchdown pass. Kent's 114.5-yards-per-game average on the ground was the worst in the MAC.

**Defense:** Quality linebackers Morrey Norris, Sean Patterson and Rich Yurkiewicz give Kent's multiple defensive look a spark.

### KENT

**LOCATION:** Kent, Ohio.

**STADIUM:** Dix Stadium (30,520).

**COACH:** Pete Cordelli (3-19 overall/and at Kent).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 2-9.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 34.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Ryan Creed, LT, 6-4, 238, Sr.; Jay McNeil, LG, 6-3, 255, Jr.; Mike Stenning, C, 6-2, 246, Jr.; Rodney West, RG, 6-3, 294, Sr.; Ray Forsythe, RT, 6-2, 294, So.; Steve Koproski, TE, 5-11, 232, Sr.; Brian Dusho, FL, 5-10, 188, Sr.; A.J. Jimerson, SE, 6-1, 186, Jr.; Kevin Shuman, QB, 5-10, 193, Jr.; Vaughn Mosely, TB, 5-8, 186, So.; Troy Robinson, FB, 5-9, 225, Sr.

**Defense**—Brady Renners, E, 6-0, 230, Sr.; Jeff Turner, E, 6-1, 228, Sr.; Matt Jenne, T, 6-2, 261, Jr.; Mo Sumpter, T, 6-0, 230, Sr.; Rich Yurkiewicz, OLB, 6-2, 205, Jr. (HM All-MAC); Morrey Norris, ILB, 5-11, 216, Jr.; Sean Patterson, ILB, 5-11, 232, Sr.; Victor Smith, CB, 5-10, 166, Jr.; Vance Benton, CB, 5-10, 188, Sr.; Brian Allen, SS, 6-0, 176, Sr.; Keith Younger, FS, 5-8, 172, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Kevin Shuman, QB; Troy Robinson, FB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Mike Holmes, DT; Tony Britt, QB; Reggie Carter, TB; Travis Jennings, DL.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** John Lorentz, C; Jimmy Woody, SE; Kevin Harris, CB.

Its biggest improvement needs to come in rushing defense.

**Special Teams:** The net punting average of 32.9 was next-to-last in the MAC in 1992. Three place-kickers were given chances last year.

**Environment:** Losing breeds losing, and that's Kent's problem. The Flashes have suffered through five straight losing years. They've had only one winning record in the last 15 seasons.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Will Kent have anything left after its first three games: at Kentucky, at MAC title-contender Akron and at Hawaii?

**Outlook:** Another long season looms for the Golden Flashes. Their defense needs to be improved, but there's a shortage of quality personnel on offense.

**Petersen Predicts:** 2-9.

**Bowl:** no.

## 9. OHIO

**Offense:** The best thing the Bobcats do out of their multiple-I offense is get the ball to tailback Tim Curtis. He enters his senior season with 2,166 career rushing yards. Darren Reese is a three-year starter at tackle. Quarterback is a real trouble spot. Three contenders for the job are headed by D.R. Robinson, but Tom Dubs and Bubba Lichtenberg could get looks.

**Defense:** The multiple approach didn't do much to confuse teams last season; Ohio gave up a MAC-worst 220.7 yards per game on the ground. Tony Poole and Damiso Johnson head the secondary. Inexperience abounds elsewhere.

**Special Teams:** Courtney Burton is one of the best return men in the MAC, ranking first in kickoff returns and second in punt returns last season. Jeff Marchant is capable as a place-kicker.

**Environment:** Ohio can't shake its losing habits. In addition to a 1-10 record last year, the Bobcats have won only five of

their last 44 games.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Bobcats face a brutal schedule early. They open at North Carolina and play at MAC-favorite Central Michigan the next week. Ohio's Nov. 13 game at Eastern Michigan might mean the winner avoids a winless season.

**Outlook:** Their talent level isn't as good as middle-of-the-pack teams Bowling Green, Ball State and Western Michigan.

**Petersen Predicts:** 1-10.

**Bowl:** no.

## 10. EASTERN MICHIGAN

**Offense:** The top threat for the Eagles is flanker Craig Thompson, but the question mark is whether anybody can consistently get the ball to him. Kwesi Ramsey started eight games at quarterback, but was suspended indefinitely last spring for lack of academic progress. The Eagles return four starters in the offensive line.

**Defense:** Plenty of questions abound here, too, but there are bright spots in linebacker Reese McCaskill, end Walter Campbell and cornerback Richard Palmer.

**Special Teams:** Craig Thompson ranked in three NCAA national statistics last season. He was first in the MAC in punt returns and second in kickoff returns. Place-kicking and punting are shaky.

**Environment:** New coach Ron Cooper is enthusiastic, but this is a major rebuilding situation.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** There aren't many games the Eagles will look forward to this season, but circle these two: Western Illinois Sept. 18 and Ohio Nov. 13.

**Outlook:** Bleak. Cooper has brought in some junior-college players to try to bolster a depleted squad, but this isn't a year he'll likely look back on with fondness.

**Petersen Predicts:** 1-10.

**Bowl:** no.

### EASTERN MICHIGAN

**LOCATION:** Ypsilanti, Mich.

**STADIUM:** Rynearson Stadium (30,200).

**COACH:** Ron Cooper (first year at Eastern Michigan).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 1-10.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 50.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Steve Clay, SE, 5-5, 145, So.; Matt Gillette, LT, 6-4, 270, Jr.; Tony Johnson, LG, 6-3, 261, Sr.; Kevin Beverly, C, 6-2, 280, Jr.; Tom Woodbury, RG, 6-2, 265, So.; Ed Hickman, RT, 6-4, 312, Sr.; Ryan Wheatley, TE, 6-2, 245, So.; Craig Thompson, FL, 5-6, 162, Sr.; Kwame McKinnon, QB, 6-3, 194, Jr.; Mike Graff, FB, 5-10, 214, Sr.; Stephen Whitfield, TB, 5-11, 208, Jr.

**Defense**—Dennis Parker, E, 6-3, 260, Jr.; Walter Campbell, E, 6-3, 268, Sr.; Sean Williams, T, 6-0, 259, Sr.; James Lowe, T, 6-2, 216, So.; Mike Parkes, OLB, 6-2, 231, Sr.; Kevin Tooson, OLB, 6-0, 210, Sr.; Reese McCaskill, MLB, 6-3, 234, So.; Richard Palmer, CB, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Chris Williams, CB, 5-11, 174, Sr.; Kolin Convertini, SS, 5-9, 196, Jr.; Ron Rice, FS, 6-1, 207, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Kwame McKinnon, QB; Dennis Parker, DE; Sean Williams, DT; James Lowe, DT.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** LaShante Parker, TB;

Michael Armour, QB; Dayna Hall, QB;

George Douglass, TE/DE; Alex White, OL.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Bobby Pandelidis, OG;

Sean Shoda; Dayna Hall, QB; George Douglass, TE/DE; Alex White, OL.



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# PAC-10

**J**ohn Robinson says he can't wait to see the horse prancing down the L.A. Memorial Coliseum track, which tells you one thing: Here we go again.

Somebody, anybody, please wipe the sap off the Pacific-10 Conference before another coach returns to resurrect a slumping program. First it was Bill Walsh at Stanford. Now it's Robinson at USC, who finally decided to take his own sentimental journey home in hopes of returning the Trojans to national prominence. Meanwhile, far north, the three-time defending champs are reeling. If USC is arriving at the pinnacle again, Washington is trying to stay there with one hand on the cliff.

These are changing times in the Pac-10, a conference trying to balance new-found respect with unwanted controversy. The Pac-10 and the NCAA are trying to decide if Don James' boys have been naughty or nice and whether Washington will be eligible for the postseason.

That's the bad news at Pac-10 headquarters. For now we send you back to Mr. Robinson's old neighborhood, to the days of Student Body Right, Left and Oblong. Dwight McFadden is one of several candidates to inherit the TB position. No one knows for sure who'll emerge to start, but it's clear QB Rob Johnson will hand the ball off 20 to 25 times a game, minimum.

"We'll approach the game from the physical point of view," Robinson says. "Football doesn't change, although it certainly does evolve. It's a physical game first. That hasn't changed and will never change."

USC has the defense to contend, returning nine. Moving Butkus Trophy candidate Willie McGinest from linebacker to defensive end brought on part of a wholesale shift on defense for the Trojans.

USC isn't a clear favorite; six teams have a decent shot at the Rose Bowl.

Washington tailback Napoleon Kaufman has the Huskies in the hunt again despite the losses of quarterbacks Billy Joe Hobert and Mark Brunell. Sophomore QB Damon

Huard is unproven, but he has an outstanding target in wide receiver Jason Shelley.

Walsh, who orchestrated Stanford's Blockbuster Bowl win over Penn State along with a 10-3 mark and a share of the league title, is faced with filling some holes on defense. Stanford QB Steve Stenstrom makes a good argument for the Cardinal, though, along with one of the country's top recruiting classes. They still need time to mature, however.

No one can ignore Arizona's defense, No. 1 among scoring defenses in the country last season. Nose guard Rob Waldrop and defensive end Tedy Bruschi lead a unit capable of dismantling any offense.

Intangibles are Arizona State running back Mario Bates (recovering from knee surgery), Cal's recruiting class and UCLA's bowl drought.

Washington State lost Drew Bledsoe to the NFL early along with any Rose Bowl aspirations. Oregon's defense could land the Ducks in the postseason. Along with Oregon State, however, the talent gap is too wide.

Bledsoe was one of three prime-time players who left early. They're still mourning over wide receiver/kick returner Curtis Conway at USC and wide receiver Sean Dawkins at Cal. Don't remind Terry Donahue, but Tommy Maddox would've been a senior at UCLA this season.

Not that the Pac-10 doesn't have any marquee players left. Arizona State defensive end Shante Carver is making a pit stop en route to his pro destination. Offensive lineman Tony Boselli of USC, Vaughn Parker of UCLA and Todd Steussie of Cal are proven commodities nationally. The conference also has three of the nation's top kickers—Oregon's Tommy Thompson, Cal's Doug Brien and Stanford's Eric Abrams.

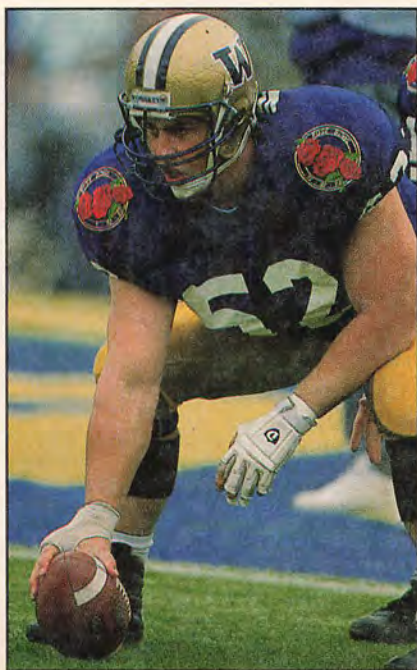
They all blend in with a couple of coaches who couldn't say no to their old programs. "My energy level is the same now as it was when I was named USC's head coach the first time," Robinson says.

Here we go again.



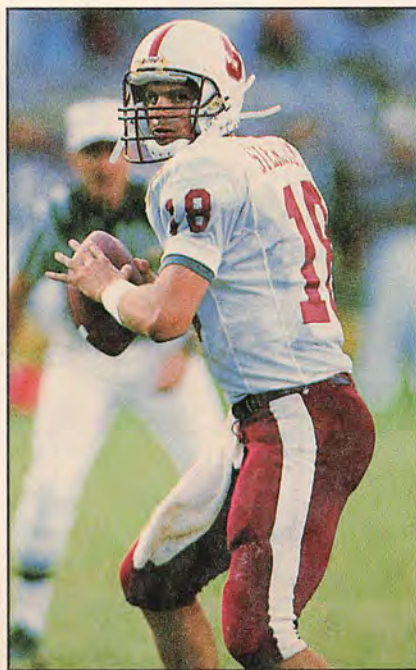
**Johnnie Morton, USC**

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**Jim Nevelle, Washington**

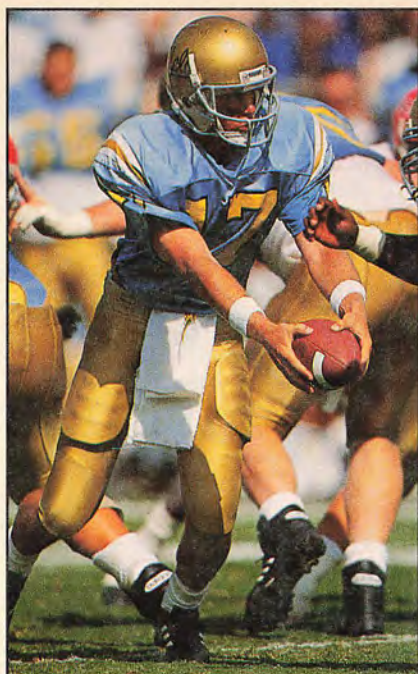
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**Steve Stenstrom, Stanford**

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**Rob Walker, UCLA**

PHOTO: BOB ROSATO



**Danny O'Neil, Oregon**

PHOTO: TOM HAUCK



**Brad Bowers, California**

PHOTO: PAUL JASIENSKI

## ON THE HOT SEAT

### 1. Washington's image

*No one is calling for Don James' head, but the Huskies are learning that bowl invitations and alleged NCAA violations don't mix well.*

### 2. Stanford's offensive line

*Bill Walsh won't stand for allowing 54 sacks again. Watching Steve Stenstrom being carried from the field makes him ill.*

### 3. The tailback job at USC

*If it's not Dwight McFadden, it's someone else who'll be under the gun to do amazing things in the open field.*

## ALL-PAC-10

**First-team offense:** QB Steve Stenstrom, Stanford; RB Napoleon Kaufman, Washington; RB Mario Bates, Arizona State; WR Johnnie Morton, USC; WR Jason Shelley, Washington; TE Bradford Banta, USC; T Tony Boselli, USC; T Vaughn Parker, UCLA; G Warner Smith, Arizona; G Andrew Peterson, Washington; C Toby Mills, Arizona State; K Doug Brien, California; KR Chuck Levy, Arizona.

**First-team defense:** DE Willie McGinest, USC; DE Shante Carver, Arizona State; DT Rob Waldrop, Arizona; DT Chad de Sully, Oregon State; LB Ernest Jones, Oregon; LB Anthony McClanahan, Washington State; LB Jerrot Willard, California; CB Vaughn Bryant, Stanford; CB Carl Greenwood, UCLA; S Brandon Sanders, Arizona; S Marvin Goodwin, UCLA; P Tommy Thompson, Oregon.

**Second-team offense:** QB Rob Johnson, USC; RB Sean Burwell, Oregon; RB Ontwaun Carter, Arizona; WR J.J. Stokes, UCLA; WR Troy Dickey, Arizona; TE Mark Bruener, Washington; T Todd Steussie, California; T Jonathan Ogden, UCLA; G Josh Dunning, Washington State; G Craig Novitsky, UCLA; C Craig Gibson, USC; K Eric Abrams, Stanford; KR Deron Pointer, Washington State.

**Second-team defense:** DE Tedy Bruschi, Arizona; DE DeWayne Patterson, Washington State; DT Romeo Bandison, Oregon; DT Bruce Walker, UCLA; LB Sean Harris, Arizona; LB Jamir Miller, UCLA; LB Donnie Edwards, UCLA; CB Herman O'Berry, Oregon; CB Jason Oliver, USC; S Chad Cota, Oregon; S John Rushing, Washington State; P Tim Kollas, Oregon State.

## 1. USC

**Offense:** Tailback Dwight McFadden (426 yards as a freshman) may emerge as SC's next glamour back. Quarterback Rob Johnson (2,118 yards) and second team All-Pac-10 receiver Johnnie Morton (49 receptions, 6 TDs) will hook up often enough to provide balance. Finding tight end Bradford Banta (6-6, 245) won't be hard, either. With every starter on the offensive line back—including preseason All-American tackle Tony Boselli—finding a weakness is tough. OK, one. Can Deon Strother move from tailback to fullback without a hitch?

**Defense:** From the 3-4 to the 4-3, the Trojans have become the musical-chair gang. All-Pac-10 linebacker Willie McGinest moves to defensive end, one of many position changes made by Robinson and coordinator Don Lindsey. Former QB Reggie Perry moves to defensive back in a nickel-back-happy scheme. Defensive end Darren Gallaway, linebacker Brian Williams and strong safety Mike Salmon are big keys for a unit that gave up an average 348 yards in '92.

**Special Teams:** Curtis Conway is gone, and so, too, is a major return threat. McFadden and Morton take over. Punter John Stonehouse set a USC record with 80 punts last season, a stat that tells you a little about the Trojans' season.

**Environment:** John Robinson was hired to change everything but the Trojans' tradition. New offense, new defense, new attitude. Whatever patience Trojan alumni have left, they'll reserve it for Robinson this season.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Sept. 11 at Penn State will be a good navigational tool; Oct. 2 at Arizona should be for the top spot early. The other biggie? At Washington Nov. 13, a game where you may be able to smell the roses.

**Outlook:** They're talking Top-5 finish at



## USC

**LOCATION:** Los Angeles, Calif.

**STADIUM:** Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (92,516).

**COACH:** John Robinson (67-14-2 overall/and at USC).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-5-1 overall (lost to Fresno State, 24-7, in Freedom Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Rob Johnson, QB, 6-4, 210, Jr.; Dwight McFadden, TB, 6-0, 185, So.; Deon Strother, FB, 6-0, 200, Jr.; Bradford Banta, TE, 6-6, 245, Sr.; Johnnie Morton, WR, 6-0, 195, Sr.; Ryan Lenderman, WR, 5-11, 175, Jr.; Tony Boselli, T, 6-7, 285, Jr. (preseason All-American); Joel Crisman, G, 6-5, 290, Sr.; Craig Gibson, C, 6-3, 245, Sr.; Kris Pollack, G, 6-5, 285, Jr.; Norberto Garrido, T, 6-7, 295, So.; Cole Ford, K, 6-2, 190, Jr.; Jason Sehorn, KR, 6-3, 205, Sr.

**Defense**—Willie McGinest, DE, 6-6, 240, Sr.; Thomas Holland, DT, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Mike Hinz, DT, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Darren Gallaway, DE, 6-3, 245, Sr.; Brian Williams, LB, 6-2, 225, Jr.; Shannon Jones, LB, 6-4, 265, Sr.; Jeff Kopp, LB, 6-3, 235, Sr.; Jason Oliver, CB, 5-11, 190, Sr.; John Herpin, CB, 6-0, 180, Jr.; Mike Salmon, SS, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Jason Sehorn, FS, 6-3, 205, Sr.; Johnnie Morton, PR, 6-0, 195, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Rob Johnson, QB; Willie McGinest, DE; Johnnie Morton, WR; Brian Williams, LB; Mike Salmon, SS; Dwight McFadden, TB; Tony Boselli, OL.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Sammy Knight, DB; Saladin McCullough, RB; Edward Hervey, WR; Ken Grace, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Curtis Conway, FL; Stephen Pace, SS; Wes Bender, FB; David Webb, LB.

USC again, only this time the subject isn't the Pac-10. John Robinson's return may only go as far as his first loss, but 17 returning starters should help memories of last season's 24-7 Freedom Bowl loss to Fresno State disappear. Call FTD and order a dozen long stems, just in case.

**Petersen Predicts:** 10-2.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 2. WASHINGTON

**Offense:** Running back Napoleon Kaufman, the first sophomore in Huskies history to rush for more than 1,000 yards (1,045), keys UW's multiple-set attack. Running back Beno Bryant is the backup, but he'll produce in any capacity. Sophomore quarterback Damon Huard has not only Billy Joe Hobert's shoes to fill but Mark Brunell's, too. Wide receiver Jason Shelley (20 catches, 382 yards) and tight end Mark Bruener will help with the transition. Center Jim Nevelle and guard Andrew Peterson (6-5, 300) lead the line. Balance, a given last year, is crucial.

**Defense:** Butkus candidate linebacker Andy Mason moves to the outside in the Huskies 3-4 defense, which allowed 311 yards a game. Defensive tackle D'Marco Farr leads a line that returns every starter. Cornerback Josh Moore and roving linebacker David Killpatrick are important players on passing downs.

**Special Teams:** Kaufman can fly and should ignite a unit that finished 105th in kickoff returns last season. Kicker Travis Hanson hit 8-of-15 FGs and converted all 36 PATs a year ago. Did we mention



**Brett Carolan, Washington State**

PHOTO: KEVIN W. REECE

Bryant? He also has wings in the open field.

**Environment:** Life at UW isn't as peachy these days, with investigations into the pro-

## WASHINGTON

**LOCATION:** Seattle, Wash.

**STADIUM:** Husky Stadium (72,500).

**COACH:** Don James (178-6-3 overall/153-57-2 at Washington).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-3 (lost to Michigan, 38-31, in Rose Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 39.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Damon Huard, QB, 6-4, 220, So.; Napoleon Kaufman, TB/KR, 5-9, 180, Jr.; Matt Jones, FB, 6-2, 215, Sr.; Mark Bruener, TE, 6-5, 230, Jr.; Jason Shelley, SE, 6-2, 190, So.; Joe Kralik, FL, 5-10, 195, Sr.; Pete Pierson, T, 6-5, 285, Sr.; Tom Gallagher, T, 6-5, 300, Sr.; Andrew Peterson, G, 6-5, 300, Jr.; Frank Garcia, G, 6-1, 285, Jr.; Jim Nevelle, C, 6-2, 282, Sr.; Beno Bryant, KR, 5-11, 85, Sr.

**Defense**—Donovan Schmidt, DE, 6-3, 230, Jr.; Jamal Fountaine, DE, 6-3, 240, Sr.; Steve Hoffmann, NG, 6-6, 260, So.; D'Marco Farr, DT, 6-1, 265, Sr.; Andy Mason, LB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Steve Springstead, LB, 6-1, 235, Sr.; Hillary Butler, LB, 6-4, 40, Sr.; David Killpatrick, ROV, 6-1, 210, Jr.; Josh Moore, CB, 6-1, 190, Jr.; Reggie Reser, CB, 5-10, 175, So.; Lamar Lyons, FS, 6-3, 210, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Damon Huard, QB; Napoleon Kaufman, RB; Andy Mason, LB; Jim Nevelle, C; Jason Shelley, SE; Beno Bryant, RB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Jayson Bass, LB; Jason Chorak, DL; Shane Fortney, QB; Michael Smith, QB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Billy Joe Hobert, QB; Mark Brunell, QB; Lincoln Kennedy, OL; Dave Hoffmann, LB.

gram threatening the Huskies' fourth straight shot at the Rose Bowl. Some claim Coach Don James has lost touch with the game, which sounds difficult to do when your team wins 13 straight home games.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:**

Sept. 4 vs. Stanford and Sept. 11 at Ohio State are both games for Kaufman to prove his mettle. It gets easy with East Carolina and San Jose State. Arizona is missing from their Pac-10 slate, so the Huskies could go into Nov. 13 vs. USC in Rose Bowl-bound fashion.

**Outlook:** James' program doesn't rebuild as much as it reloads, which is to say Washington will be in the thick of the conference race again, barring any injuries to vital skill-position players. The talent base can't be ignored.

**Petersen Predicts:** 10-2.

**Bowl:** yes, if the NCAA doesn't get to them first.

## 3. ARIZONA

**Offense:** Quarterback Dan White, a Penn State transfer, could make the difference in the Wildcats multiple-set scheme. Wide receiver Troy Dickey (28 catches, 395 yards) is among the conference's best.

Running back Ontiwaun Carter is durable (802 yards, 6 TDs), and Chuck Levy is a breakaway threat who's recovering from knee surgery. Four starters return on the line, including guard Warner Smith. The key is if Arizona can score points.

**Defense:** Outland Trophy finalist NG Rob Waldrop leads the nation's No. 1 scoring defense leaders from a year ago. Sophomore defensive end Tedy Bruschi thrives in Dick Tomey's flex system, where the big concern is the secondary. Inside linebackers Brant Boyer and Sean Harris rush the passer at will.



**Head Coach Terry Donahue, UCLA**

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## ARIZONA

**LOCATION:** Tucson, Ariz.

**STADIUM:** Arizona Stadium (56,167).

**COACH:** Dick Tomey (99-75-7 overall/36-29-4 at Arizona).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-5-1 (lost to Baylor, 20-15, in Hancock Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 43.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Dan White, QB, 6-5, 12, Jr.;

Ontiwaun Carter, TB, 5-9, 182, Jr.; Chato Jackson, FB, 6-1, 214, Fr.; Roderick Lewis, TE, 6-5, 251, Sr.; Troy Dickey, WR, 6-3, 226, Sr.; Terry Vaughn, WR, 5-8, 181, Sr.; Paul Stamer, T, 6-4, 260, Jr.; Eric Johnson, G, 6-1, 270, Jr.; Warner Smith, G, 6-2, 283, Jr.; Bryan Hand, T, 6-5, 295, Jr.; Mani Ott, C, 6-2, 255, So.; Steve McLaughlin, K, 6-1, 171, Jr.; Chuck Levy, KR, 6-0, 199, Jr.

**Defense**—Tedy Bruschi, DE, 6-1, 258, So.; Rob Waldrop, NG, 6-2, 274, Sr.; Jim Hoffman, DT, 6-4, 283, Jr.; Akil Jackson, LB, 6-1, 234, Jr.; Shawn Jarrett, LB, 6-4, 230, Sr.; Brant Boyer, LB, 6-2, 232, Sr.; Sean Harris, LB, 6-3, 251, Jr.; Mike Scurlock, CB, 5-11, 195, Jr.; Jey Phillips, CB, 6-2, 183, Sr.; Brandon Sanders, SS, 5-10, 170, So.; Tony Bouie, FS, 5-10, 188, Jr.; Steve McLaughlin, P, 6-1, 171, Jr.; Terry Vaughn, PR, 5-8, 181, S.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Rob Waldrop, NG; Sean Harris, LB; Tedy Bruschi, DE; Troy Dickey, WR; Chuck Levy, KR/RB; Ontiwaun Carter, RB; Steve McLaughlin, K/P.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Bryan Hand, OL; Dan White, QB; Joe Salavea, DL.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** George Malauulu, QB; Keshon Johnson, CB; Mike Heemsbergen, OL; Josh Miller, P.

**Special Teams:** Kicker/punter Steve McLaughlin will bail the 'Cats out. Levy will handle kickoffs if all goes well with his rehab, and Terry Vaughn returns as punter. Opportunistic? Arizona has blocked 12 kicks in three years.

**Environment:** Talk of running Tomey off left Tucson about the same time Arizona knocked off Washington 16-3 and nearly stunned Miami before losing 8-7. The nucleus of a great defense is back. Now it's up to the offense to do its share.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Sept. 18 at Illinois is one of only two road games in the first eight weeks—and a must win for the rankings. Oct. 2 vs. USC has big-game potential with two of the best defenses colliding; Nov. 20 vs. Arizona State is always a good recruiting tool.

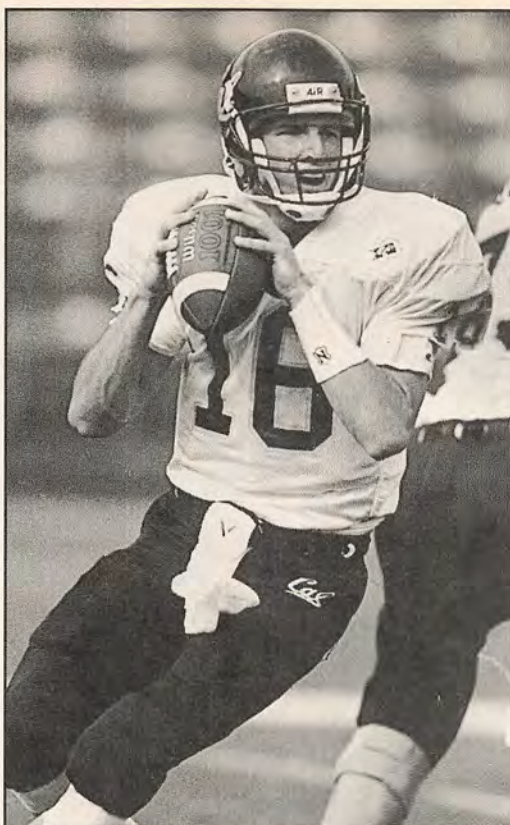
**Outlook:** Arizona, ninth in the Pac-10 in total offense a year ago, needs to back up its defense with points and yards. The 'Cats have 15 starters back and merely need to gain confidence early to be in the hunt. White's development at QB is essential.

**Petersen Predicts:** 9-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 4. STANFORD

**Offense:** Quarterback Steve Stenstrom (2,399 yards, 14 TDs) proved to be effective in Walsh's multiple system. Guard Brian Cassidy is one of four starting linemen returning, all of which need to do a better job protecting Stenstrom. Running back Ellery Roberts (627 yards) will be looked upon to partly fill the loss of Glyn Milburn, while Arizona prep running back phenom Mike Mitchell should see duty. Tony Cline and Justin Armour may rotate at



**Dave Barr, Cal**

tight end. Fullback Ethan Allen and split end David Shaw are also central.

**Defense:** Seven starters departed, so filling that void is the Cardinal's biggest

## STANFORD

**LOCATION:** Stanford, Calif.

**STADIUM:** Stanford Stadium (85,500).

**COACH:** Bill Walsh (27-10 overall/and at Stanford).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 10-3 (defeated Penn State, 28-3, in Blockbuster Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Steve Stenstrom, QB, 6-2, 200, Sr.; Ellery Roberts, HB, 6-1, 215, Sr.; Ethan Allen, FB/KR, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Justin Armour, TE, 6-6, 215, Jr.; David Shaw, SE, 6-1, 195, Sr.; Andre Kirwan, FL, 6-2, 175, So.; Jeff Bailey, T, 6-7, 290, Sr.; Brian Cassidy, G, 6-5, 300, Sr.; Jeff Buckley, G, 6-5, 290, So.; Steve Hoyem, T, 6-8, 300, Sr.; Glen Cavanaugh, C, 6-7, 290, Sr.; Eric Abrams, K, 5-7, 160, So.

**Defense**—Tyrone Parker, DE, 6-4, 290, Sr.; David Carder, DE, 6-5, 250, Jr.; Jason Fisk, NG, 6-4, 270, Sr.; Kurt Criter, LB, 6-3, 220, Jr.; Tommy Knech, LB, 6-4, 215, Sr.; Toby Norwood, LB, 6-0, 215, Jr.; Coy Gibbs, LB, 6-0, 210, Jr.; Kwame Ellis, CB, 5-10, 175, So.; Vaughn Bryant, CB, 5-11, 180, Sr.; David Walker, SS, 5-11, 185, So.; John Henton, FS, 6-2, 185, Jr.; Aaron Mills, P, 6-0, 175, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Steve Stenstrom, QB; Eric Abrams, K; Glen Cavanaugh, C; Vaughn Bryant, CB; Jason Fisk, NG; Ellery Roberts, HB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Mark Harris, WR; Mike Mitchell, RB; Tim Carey, QB; Scott Frost, QB; Matt Harper, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Glyn Milburn, HB; Chris Dalman, OL; Dave Garnett, LB; Ron George, LB; Ryan Wetrnight, TE.

chore. Cornerback Vaughn Bryan, nose guard Jason Fisk, defensive end Tyrone Parker and inside linebacker Coy Gibbs inherit the bulk of the job in a 3-4 scheme. Inside linebacker Toby Norwood also plays a big role. Defensive coordinator Fred vonAppen isn't spoiled anymore.

**Special Teams:** Eric Abrams' foot is the main weapon, accounting for 79 points last year. Milburn's absence will be noticed most here, although Allen has some experience.

**Environment:** They hired The Genius to run The Farm again, and the program stopped laying eggs. It was a year that culminated with some nifty recruiting dividends and giddy alumni trading high-fives to the nth power. Graduation, though, hit the Cardinal hard.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Seven home dates help, but it's never pretty when you open with Washington (Sept. 4) in Seattle; Oct. 2 vs. Notre Dame isn't a must, but it will be a good fuel gauge; at USC Nov. 6 has definite bowl ramifications.

**Outlook:** Walsh turned the Cardinal's fortunes around mid-way through last season, but too

many holes on defense exist now. That '93 recruiting class is one for the archives. Problem is, most of them won't be ready to start until '95. Still, the Cardinal has enough artillery in Stenstrom to get to the postseason.

**Petersen Predicts:** 7-4.

**Bowl:** yes.



**Head Coach Mike Price, Washington St.**



## ARIZONA STATE

**LOCATION:** Tempe, Ariz.

**STADIUM:** Sun Devil Stadium (74,865).

**COACH:** Bruce Snyder (74-66-5 overall/6-5 at ASU).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-5.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 28.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Grady Benton, QB, 6-2, 185, So.; Mario Bates, TB, 6-2, 206, So.; George Montgomery, FLY, 6-2, 208, Sr.; Brian Ryder, TE, 6-3, 242, Sr.; Clyde McCoy, WR, 6-1, 167, Jr.; Johnny Thomas, WR, 6-1, 175, Jr.; DeMario Vaughn, T, 6-5, 272, Jr.; Farrington Togiai, G, 6-0, 329, Sr.; Chuck Underwood, G, 6-2, 279, Sr.; Jeff Kysar, T, 6-7, 326, Jr.; Toby Mills, C, 6-2, 271, Sr. (All-Pac-10); Jon Baker, K, 6-1, 165, Jr.; Chris Hopkins, KR, 6-0, 175, So.

**Defense**—Larry Boyd, E, 6-3, 246, Sr.; Shante Carver, E, 6-5, 228, Sr.; Shawn Swayda, T, 6-5, 235, Fr.; Ken Talanoa, T, 6-5, 260, Jr.; Kendall Rhyne, LB, 6-3, 220, Jr.; Jean Boyd, ROV, 6-0, 195, Sr.; Justin Drago, LB, 6-3, 231, Jr.; Sam Santana, LB, 6-1, 218, So.; Craig Newsome, CB, 6-1, 185, Jr.; Lenny McGill, CB, 6-3, 190, Sr.; Eddie Cade, FS, 6-1, 190, Jr.; Noel Prefontaine, P, 6-0, 190, So.; Vance Smith, PR, 5-8, 169, Sr.

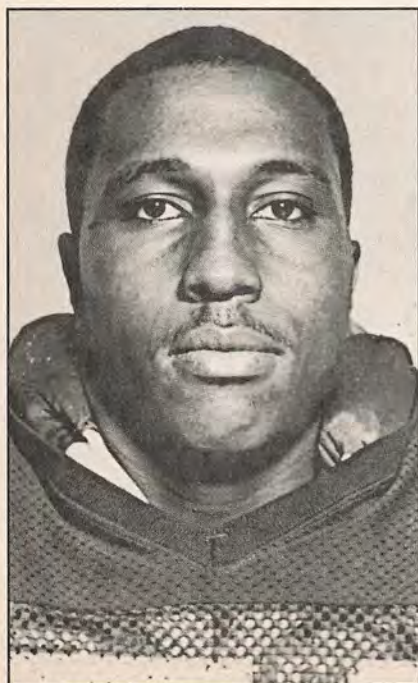
**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Mario Bates, TB; Toby Mills, C; Grady Benton, QB; Shante Carver, DE; Lenny McGill, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Johnny Thomas, WR; John Livingston, WR; Craig Newsome, CB; Ken Talanoa, DT.

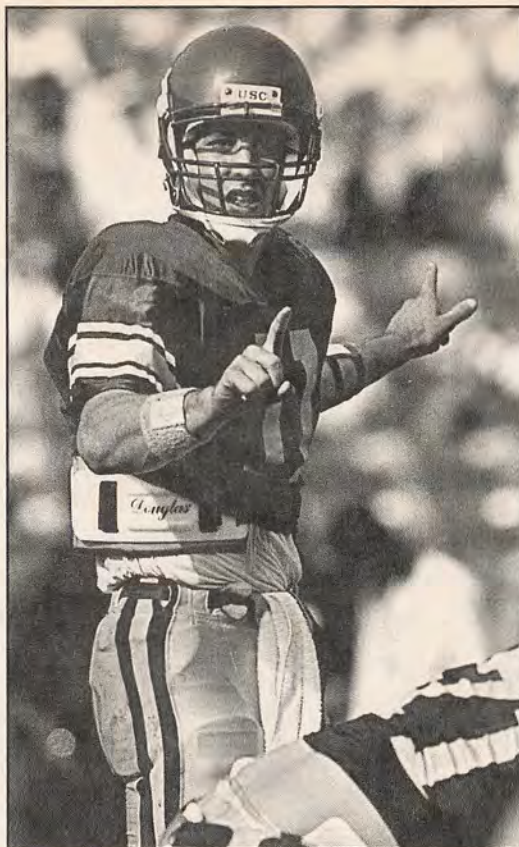
**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Kevin Minniefield, CB; Brett Wallerstedt, LB; Eric Guliford, WR.

## 5. ARIZONA STATE

**Offense:** Running back Mario Bates was on a Heisman pace before an anterior cruciate tear in his right knee forced him out for the season in the Sun Devils' third game. Flyback George Montgomery is rehabbing from the same injury. Both play important roles in Bruce Snyder's run-oriented attack. Sophomore quarterback Grady Benton (1,707 yards) completed 66.2 percent of his passes, an NCAA fresh-



Roderick Lewis, Arizona



Rob Johnson, USC

PHOTO: KEVIN W. REECE

man record. All-Pac-10 center Toby Mills provides stability. Wide receiver Johnny Thomas and John Livingston are JC transfers ASU needs to produce.

**Defense:** All-America end Shante Carver (10 sacks) returns from the nation's No. 2 defense, but seven other starters don't. Cornerback Lenny McGill, right linebacker Jean Boyd and inside linebacker Justin Drago, recovering from injury, will have to show a truckload of newcomers how it was done a year ago.

**Special Teams:** Experience is missing in the kicking game, but Cal State-Fullerton transfer Noel Prefontaine will take over punting duties. Marcus Williams or Jon Baker will place-kick. Bates can return kicks with the best in the conference.

**Environment:** Bruce Snyder and staff pillaged the junior-college circuit for every piece of talent they could find. Such is life when you return only 28 lettermen. There's optimism in Tempe, especially with Bates' return, but it's guarded with all the new faces.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Not horribly tough, save a Pac-10 onslaught at the end. Sept. 4 vs. Utah is a game for ASU to showcase its new talent; Oct. 23 at Stanford will be a big test for the Sun Devils defense; and Nov. 20 vs. Arizona. Besides ruining Arizona's bowl chances, no one from Tempe likes to lose to the 'Cats.

**Outlook:** ASU won five of its last seven and has to be viewed a threat in the race. Yet with JC transfers being heavily counted upon, injuries to pivotal personnel taking time to heal and only a handful of potential starters out for spring practice, a conference title is out of reach. A middle-of-the-

road bowl game? Maybe.

**Petersen Predicts:** 7-4.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 6. UCLA

**Offense:** QB is the big question mark, with incumbent Wayne Cook recovering from knee surgery. Part-time starters Rob Walker and Ryan Fien will be in the hunt, too. With All-American tackle Vaughn Parker, guard Craig Novitsky and tackle Jonathan Ogden (6-8, 325), the Bruins have three of the conference's top linemen. Split end J.J. Stokes and running back Ricky Davis will be central.

**Defense:** Outside linebacker Donnie Edwards is one of several defenders who'll have to step up his play a few notches. Yet even with Othello Henderson and Carlton Gray gone, the Bruins secondary is in good shape with strong safety Marvin Goodwin and cornerback Carl Greenwood returning. Finding a cohesive group of down linemen takes priority now.

**Special Teams:** Game-breakers are absent, but running back/kick returners Ricky Davis and Daron Washington are steady along with Chad LaRose. Punter Darren Schager (41.9-

yard average) returns.

**Environment:** Roommates linebacker Jamir Miller and nose guard Bruce Walker have been in trouble with the law on separate weapons charges and an alleged

## UCLA

**LOCATION:** Los Angeles, Calif.

**STADIUM:** Rose Bowl (104,091).

**COACH:** Terry Donahue (131-59-8 overall/and at UCLA).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-5.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 62.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Wayne Cook, QB, 6-3, 199, Jr.; Daron Washington, HB, 6-1, 203, Jr.; Ricky Davis, HB, 5-9, 182, Sr.; Brian Allen, TE, 6-3, 231, Sr.; Mike Nguyen, FL, 6-0, 179, Jr.; J.J. Stokes, SE, 6-4½, 215, Jr.; Vaughn Parker, T, 6-3½, 271, Sr.; Craig Novitsky, G, 6-6, 275, Sr.; Jonathan Ogden, T, 6-8, 325, So.; Derek Stevens, G, 6-3½, 270, Sr.; James Christensen, C, 6-6, 275, Sr.; Bjorn Merten, K, 6-0, 185, Fr.; Chad LaRose, PR, 5-11, 172, Jr.

**Defense**—London Woodfin, DE, 6-1, 270, Jr.; Bruce Walker, NG, 6-4, 290, Sr.; Matt Werner, DT, 6-4, 253, Sr.; Jamir Miller, LB, 6-4, 233, Jr.; Nkosi Littleton, LB, 6-1, 234, Sr.; Carrick O'Quinn, LB, 6-2½, 226, Sr.; Donnie Edwards, LB, 6-2, 220, So.; Robert Gamble, CB, 5-9, 170, Sr.; Carl Greenwood, CB, 6-0, 190, Sr.; Marvin Goodwin, SS, 6-1, 190, Jr.; Travis Collier, FS, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Darren Schager, P, 5-11, 198, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Vaughn Parker, OT; Marvin Goodwin, SS; J.J. Stokes, SE; Carl Greenwood, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Travis Kirschke, DT; Andy Meyers, OL; Shawn Stuart, OL; Brian Willmer, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Sean LaChapelle, SE; Kevin Williams, TB; Carlton Gray, CB; Othello Henderson, FS; Mike Chalenski, DE.



stolen-property charge. If they're not reinstated, UCLA's defense will have some holes to fill.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Sept. 18 vs. Nebraska should be a decent character-check for the QB situation; Sept. 25 at Stanford will show whether the Bruins are bowl material or a middle-of-the-pack team; Oct. 30 vs. Arizona will show how far the offense has come and whether or not men in gaudy blazers really care what happens to UCLA after November.

**Outlook:** If Terry Donahue punches the right buttons on offense, UCLA has a good shot at playing spoiler and even thrusting itself in the run for the roses. Still, key personnel was lost, including wide receiver Sean LaChapelle and tailback Kevin Williams. In bowl games Donahue is an impressive 8-2-1, a stat that probably won't change this season.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-5.

**Bowl:** no.

## 7. CALIFORNIA

**Offense:** Quarterback Dave Barr (2,343 yards, 19 TDs) and tailback Lindsey Chapman will bear the big-play brunt of the one-back attack. Tackle Todd Steussie is an All-America candidate and anchors a line considered the key to Cal's success. Wide receiver Sean Dawkins left early for the NFL, and running back Russell White is also gone but not forgotten.

**Defense:** Linebacker Jerrott Willard (133 tackles) is merely a bumper car in pads and a key to the Bears 3-4 scheme. Cornerback Isaac Booth and strong safety Eric Zomalt shore up a talented secondary. Defensive line? Don't ask. That's the Bears' soft spot.

**Special Teams:** Kicker Doug Brien is one of the country's best. JC transfer

## CALIFORNIA

**LOCATION:** Berkeley, Calif.

**STADIUM:** Memorial Stadium (75,662).

**COACH:** Keith Gilbertson (32-16 overall/4-7 at Cal).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-7.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 44.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Dave Barr, QB, 6-4, 200, Jr.; Lindsey Chapman, TB, 5-9, 190, Sr.; Marty Holly, FB, 5-11, 210, Sr.; Mike Caldwell, WR, 6-2, 200, Sr.; Damien Semien, WR, 6-1, 185, Sr.; Brian Rimington, TE, 6-2, 240, Sr.; Brian Thure, T, 6-5, 280, Jr.; Todd Steussie, T, 6-6, 305, Sr.; Randy Nonhof, G, 6-7, 295, Sr.; Todd Blackwell, G, 6-5, 290, Sr.; Eric Mahlum, C, 6-5, 285, Sr.; Doug Brien, K, 6-0, 170, Sr.; Lindsey Chapman, KR, 5-9, 190, Sr.

**Defense—**Duane Clemons, E, 6-6, 240, So.; Bill Ayer, E, 6-4, 250, Sr.; Brad Bowers, T, 6-7, 265, Jr.; Stafford Evans, T, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Michael Davis, LB, 6-2, 220, Sr.; Jerrott Willard, LB, 6-2, 230, Jr.; Paul Joiner, LB, 6-2, 225, Jr.; Isaac Booth, CB, 6-3, 185, Sr.; Jody Graham, CB, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Eric Zomat, SS, 6-0, 195, Sr.; Jerod Cherry, FS, 6-2, 190, Sr.; Ryan Longwell, P, 6-0, 180, Fr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Todd Steussie, OT; Jerrott Willard, LB; Doug Brien, K; Lindsey Chapman, TB; Dave Barr, QB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Latario Rachal, WR/KR; Na'il Benjamin, WR/KR; Pat Barnes, QB; Regan Upshaw, DE.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Sean Dawkins, WR; Russell White, RB; Chris Noonan, P; Chidi Ahanot, DL.

Latario Rachal should help the Bears' return game, which fumbled away five kicks a year ago. Cal needs better punt and kickoff coverage as well.

**Environment:** Cal lost its marquee players—Dawkins and White—to the NFL. Second-year coach Keith Gilbertson is in a bit of a bind after a 4-7 year, but there's hope with Barr now and an excellent recruiting class later. Now if he could just put some cleats on basketball phenom Jason Kidd...

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Bears don't have it easy, especially late in the year; Sept. 4 at UCLA because the Bruins won't be ripe yet in offense; Sept. 25 vs. San Jose State is one of those no-win affairs that Gilbertson can't afford to lose; Nov. 20 at Stanford because a 41-21 loss last year turned the Really Big Game into the Really Boring Game.

**Outlook:** Turnovers took Cal out of too many games it had a chance to win a year ago. The defensive line has to come around in order for the Bears to compete. Not only are Dawkins and White gone, but so are most of that finger-pointing, brash bunch from two years ago. These new Bears need confidence and an identity of their own.

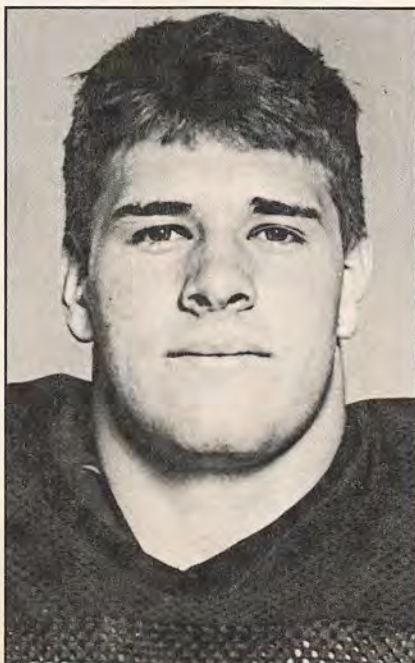
**Petersen Predicts:** 6-6.

**Bowl:** no.

## 8. WASHINGTON STATE

**Offense:** QB Mike Pattinson is the heir apparent to Drew Bledsoe. He doesn't have Bledsoe's gun, but he throws a more catchable ball for the college game. Wide receiver Deron Pointer can break the big one, and tight end Brett Carolan is one of the Pac-10's best. Center Steve Wolfe anchors the line. Running back Derek Sparks is redshirting with a shoulder injury, so backup Elijah Rafael will shoulder the load.

**Defense:** Nine players return, none more important than defensive end DeWayne Patterson and linebacker Anthony



Rob Waldrop, Arizona

## WASHINGTON STATE

**LOCATION:** Pullman, Wash.

**STADIUM:** Martin Stadium (40,000).

**COACH:** Mike Price (68-67 overall/22-23 at WSU).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-3 (defeated Utah, 31-28, in Copper Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 36.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Mike Pattinson, QB, 6-1, 197, Sr.; Shane De La Cruz, SB, 5-8, 171, Sr.; Elijah Raphael, RB, 5-8, 170, RS Fr.; Brett Carolan, TE, 6-4, 244, Sr.; Deron Pointer, FL, 5-11, 182, Sr.; Keith Reynolds, SE, 5-10, 180, Sr.; Mike Bailey, T, 6-4, 277, Sr.; Clay Reis, T, 6-7, 280, Jr.; Josh Dunning, G, 6-3, 296, Sr.; Marc McCloskey, G, 6-4, 276, RS So.; Steve Wolfe, C, 6-4, 300, Sr.; Aaron Price, K, 5-10, 190, Sr.; Deron Pointer, KR, 5-11, 182, Sr.

**Defense—**Don Saa, DE, 6-5, 274, Jr.;

DeWayne Patterson, DE, 6-1, 248, Jr.; Ray Hall, DT, 6-4, 258, Sr.; Chad Eaton, DT, 6-5, 275, Jr.; Brian Ford, T, 6-3, 295, Sr.; Ron Childs, LB, 6-0, 206, Jr.; Anthony McClanahan, LB, 6-2, 222, Sr.; P.J. Folkers, LB, 6-1, 225, Sr.; Torey Hunter, CB, 5-10, 176, Jr.; Singor Mobley, SS, 6-0, 180, Jr.; John Rushing, FS, 5-10, 194, Jr.; Greg Burnes, CB, 5-10, 160 Jr.; Steve Johnston, P, 6-0, 190, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Anthony McClanahan, LB; Brett Carolan, TE; Deron Pointer, WR/K; Steve Wolfe, C; Mike Pattinson, QB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Derek Chapman, QB; Kevin Hicks, RB; Frank Madu, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Drew Bledsoe, QB; C.J. Davis, WR; Phillip Bobo, WR; Shaumbe Wright-Fair, RB.

McClanahan, son of former Minnesota Viking Brent McClanahan. Cornerback Torey Hunter will lead the secondary.

**Special Teams:** The Cougars led the conference in kickoff return coverage a year ago. Kicker Aaron Price, Coach Mike Price's son, is capable along with punter Steve Johnston. Pointer is a durable returner.

**Environment:** When you blow out Washington in Pullman and pull out a victory in the Copper Bowl over Utah, it's time to talk tradition and increased alumni support. The flip side: When you lose Drew Bledsoe a year early to the NFL, it's time to write this off as a rebuilding year.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Not terribly brutal, except for Sept. 4 at Michigan, a game that will test Pattinson under fire; Sept. 25 at USC is critical because the Cougars offense should be in full swing by then. On Nov. 20 at Washington, with the revenge factor working, it's a game that will show how far the program has really come in a year.

**Outlook:** Even with an experienced defense, too many questions on the other side of the ball make life uncertain for the Cougars. Remember, WSU also lost RB Shaumbe Wright-Fair. Winding up tied for third a year ago featured a few surprises. Pattinson's development will tell if Washington State has any more left.

**Petersen Predicts:** 4-7.

**Bowl:** no.

## 9. OREGON

**Offense:** Incumbent signal-caller Danny O'Neil is battling with Tony Graziani for the starting nod. Running back Sean Burwell (864 yards rushing, 293 receiving) will find the gaps with help from FB Juan Shedrick.



## OREGON

**LOCATION:** Eugene, Ore.

**STADIUM:** Autzen Stadium (41,698).

**COACH:** Rich Brooks (77-9-4 overall/and at Oregon).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-6 (lost to Wake Forest, 39-35, in Independence Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 45.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Danny O'Neil, QB, 6-2, 180, Jr.; Sean Burwell, TB, 5-11, 190, Sr. (HM All-Pac-10); Juan Shedrick, FB, 6-2, 228, Sr.; Cristin McLemore, FL, 5-11, 175, So.; Derrick Deadwiler, SE, 5-9, 165, Sr.; Willy Tate, TE, 6-3, 228, Jr.; Justin Starck, T, 6-6, 285, Sr.; Steve Hardin, T, 6-7, 300, Jr.; Mike DiFonzo, G, 6-4, 295, Sr.; Eric Barnes, G, 6-1, 290, Sr.; Tom Curran, C, 6-2, 260, Sr.; Tommy Thompson, K, 5-10, 185, Sr. (first-team All-Pac-10).

**Defense**—Romeo Bandison, DE, 6-5, 280, Jr.; Gary Williams, DE, 6-2, 278, Sr.; Silila Malepeai, NT, 5-11, 265, Jr.; Tony Koker, LB, 6-4, 240, So.; Jeremy Asher, LB, 6-2, 217, So.; David Massey, LB, 6-2, 231, Jr.; Ernest Jones, LB, 6-2, 230, Jr.; Herman O'Berry, CB, 5-11, 179, Jr.; Alex Molden, CB, 5-10, 180, So.; Chad Cota, SS, 6-1, 188, Jr.; Jeff Sherman, FS, 5-10, 176, Jr.; Tommy Thompson, P, 5-10, 185, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Sean Burwell, RB; Romeo Bandison, DE; Tommy Thompson, K/P; Danny O'Neal, QB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Dante Lewis, DB; Dino Philyaw, RB; Joe Wells, OL.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Vince Ferry, TE; Jeff Cummins, DE; Eric Castle.

Split end Derrick Deadwiler (29 receptions, 414 yards) is reliable. Seven starters return from a unit that led the conference in rushing. Offensive lineman Joe Wells, a former Washington recruit who never enrolled at the school, will help.

**Defense:** Led by defensive end Romeo Bandison, strong safety Chad Cota and linebacker Ernest Jones, the Ducks have eight starters back to bolster one of the conference's finest defenses. Cornerback Alec Molden is questionable after suffering a knee injury in the Independence Bowl. Fellow corner Herman O'Berry (seven interceptions) will shoulder any load in his absence.

**Special Teams:** One of the Ducks' strengths. K/P Tommy Thompson (21-of-34 FGs) basically took Oregon to a bowl with his bare right foot. Burwell does the job on kickoffs.

**Environment:** Three bowl trips in four years isn't bad, but Coach Rich Brooks and the Ducks are now expected to rise above .500 for the first time in three years—with only five games at Autzen Stadium.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** It's not overwhelming, with three pre-conference chances—Colorado State, Montana and Illinois—at victory; Oct. 23 vs. USC will test Oregon's vaunted defense; Nov. 6 at Arizona will give the offense a chance to show its merit; Nov. 20 vs. Oregon State, a must-win game for recruiting and coaching-contract purposes.

**Outlook:** Great personnel on defense could take the Ducks a long way. Still, the Pac-10's overall talent base slows them to a waddle.

**Petersen Predicts:** 3-8.

**Bowl:** no.

## OREGON STATE

**LOCATION:** Corvallis, Ore.

**STADIUM:** Parker Stadium (35,547).

**COACH:** Jerry Pettibone (35-51-2 overall/2-19-1 at OSU).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 1-9-1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 44.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Ian Shields, QB, 5-11, 198, Sr.; Jason Barry, HB, 5-11, 212, Jr.; Chad Paulson, HB, 6-1, 200, Sr.; J.D. Stewart, FB, 6-1, 214, So.; Ray Penniman, TE, 6-2, 232, Sr.; Chris Cross, SE, 6-3, 201, So.; Jim Buchanan, T, 6-4, 269, Sr.; John Garrett, T, 6-4, 263, Jr.; Christian Miller, G, 6-5, 302, Jr.; Alai Kalaniuvalu, G, 6-3, 300, Sr.; Johnny Seinga, C, 6-1, 306, Jr.; Jamie Burke, K, 6-0, 193, Jr.

**Defense**—Eric Hale, DE, 6-3, 213, Jr.; David Kiepke, DE, 6-6, 250, So.; Tom Holmes, DT, 6-1, 266, So.; Chad de Sully, DT, 6-5, 259, Sr.; Rico Pettrini, LB, 6-2, 219, Jr.; Cory Huot, LB, 6-3, 229, Jr.; Tony O'Billovich, LB, 6-1, 210, Sr.; Reggie Tongue, CB, 6-0, 191, So.; Herschel Currie, CB, 6-1, 193, Sr.; Michael Hale, SS, 5-11, 188, Jr.; William Ephraim, FS, 5-10, 162, Jr.; Tim Kollas, P, 5-11, 187, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Chad Paulson, RB; Tim Kollas, P; Ian Shields, QB; Chad de Sully, DT.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Packy Ena, DE; Justin Moore, TE; Datanyen Myers, DT.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Dwayne Owens, HB; Fletcher Keister, OG; Sailusi Poulivaati, DT.

## 10. OREGON STATE

**Offense:** Academic All-America halfback Chad Paulson will rack up the big numbers in OSU's spread option. Quarterback Ian

Shields replaces Mark Olford, who moves to defensive back. Halfback Jason Barry and fullback J.D. Stewart will both have to play big roles in order for the Beavers to succeed.

**Defense:** LT Chad de Sully is the big name on a veteran line. Cornerback William Ephraim and linebacker Tony O'Billovich key the backfield, which runs a variety of sets.

**Special Teams:** P Tim Kollas (41.8 average) will keep the Beavers in a lot of games. Kick returner/halfback Dwayne Owens will be missed.

**Environment:** It's never a good sign when you move your quarterback to defensive back after the season. Whether or not Coach Jerry Pettibone can find the right personnel to run his option attack has much to do with the Beavers competing.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Other than the game with Pacific, OSU is in trouble. Sept. 25 vs. Arizona is important; by then QB should be entrenched. Oct. 23 vs. UCLA represents a way to turn the season around before it's too late; Nov. 20 at Oregon may atone for last season's 7-0 shutout.

**Outlook:** Questions at tight end and wide receiver spell more trouble on offense. Pettibone's option philosophy works great against teams with similar talent. In the Pac-10, though, it's lights out for the Beavers.

**Petersen Predicts:** 2-9.

**Bowl:** no.



Craig Novitsky, UCLA



# SOUTHEASTERN

By Chip Towers  
Athens (Ga.) Daily News

**T**he Great Experiment ended last year with Southeastern Conference administrators and television executives patting each other on the back and saying, "This is good."

League expansion and division and that resulting new-fangled, made-for-TV championship game came off swimmingly and left league coffers stuffed as never before. The SEC Championship Game between Alabama and Florida was electrifying and lent credence to the argument for a college football playoff system.

The biggest complaint among SEC coaches was that expanding the league from 10 to 12 teams and adding an eighth conference game to the schedule would kill any chance of producing a national champion. Alabama promptly snuffed that notion in the first year.

It would be nice for the SEC and its constituents to throw some different teams onto Birmingham's Legion Field for the winner-takes-all game—you know, to spread the wealth and the national exposure around a bit. That won't happen. Alabama and Florida appear to be the only teams with the muscle to get to the championship game and a repeat performance of last year's finale appears imminent.

Don't expect the same result. The Gators were supposed to be rebuilding last year and came close to ruining Alabama's national-championship run when they fell a touchdown short, 28-21, in Birmingham. All Florida has done is get better since then, while most of the Crimson Tide's much-ballyhooed defense will be playing in the NFL this season.

Sure, the Gators have to replace quarterback Shane Matthews, but that's all they're replacing on offense. Coach Steve Spurrier's offense produces record-setting quarterbacks, not the other way around, and junior Terry Dean could be the definitive proof of that. Meanwhile, the Florida defense of 1993 could rival last year's Alabama unit in terms of domination.

That isn't to say that either team won't be challenged.

Tennessee and Georgia will give Florida a run for its money, and Ole Miss has improved enough to make Alabama worry. It says here the rich will only get richer in 1993.

As seems always to be the case in the SEC, new coaches will patrol the sidelines again this year. Danny Ford, who led Clemson to a national championship in 1981, comes out of retirement to try to lead Arkansas back into national prominence; Tommy Bowden will take over the controversy-plagued program at Auburn; and Phillip Fulmer takes over full-time at Tennessee after leading the Vols to a 4-0 mark while Johnny Majors, who has since returned to Pitt, recovered from heart surgery last season.

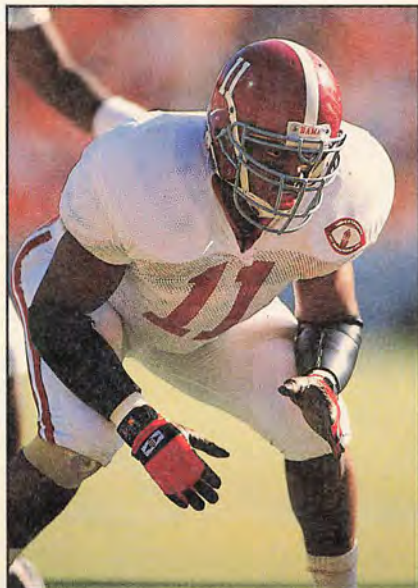
As always, there are many potential stars in the league: Quarterbacks Eric Zeier of Georgia and Heath Shuler of Tennessee; wide receivers Willie Jackson of Florida and David Palmer of Alabama; running backs Errict Rhett of Florida, Charlie Garner of Tennessee and James Bostic of Auburn. The SEC will finally get to see what all the fuss is over Auburn's Steve Davis, a former High School All-America from Spartanburg, South Carolina, who had to sit out as a Prop. 48 casualty last year.

Coaching in the SEC, where Majors, Jack Crowe and Pat Dye are no longer, remains precarious. In Baton Rouge the heat is on LSU coach Curley Hallman to turn the program around, and the clock is ticking on South Carolina's Sparky Woods.

All eyes will be on Auburn late this summer to see what fate awaits the Tigers after their much-publicized troubles with the NCAA and former player Eric Ramsey.

The league continues to be physically and fiscally fit. Six teams played in bowls last season, and only Mississippi State, which lost a nail-biter to North Carolina in the Peach Bowl, came away losers. Alabama, Florida and Tennessee all could have a say in the national championship equation. Average attendance is at an all-time high and TV ratings are as good as ever.

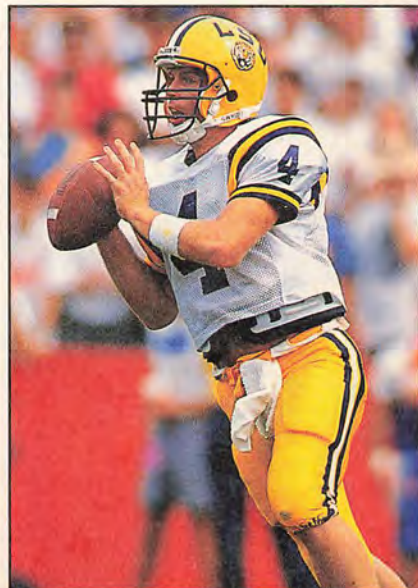
When the 1993 season comes to a close, league officials and television execs will say again, "This is good."



**Lemanski Hall, Alabama**  
PHOTO: TOM D'PACE



**Charlie Clemons, Georgia**  
PHOTO: BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN



**Jamie Howard, LSU**  
PHOTO: TOM D'PACE

SOUTHEASTERN



## SEC EASTERN DIVISION

### 1. FLORIDA

**Offense:** With the exception of All-SEC quarterback Shane Matthews—a notable exception indeed—the Gators return their entire offensive unit. Junior Terry Dean gets the unenviable task of trying to fill Matthews' considerable shoes at running. Steve Spurrier's infamous Fun-N-Gun pro-set offense. Redshirt freshman Danny Wuerffel, who turned heads with an impressive spring showing, is there to bail the Gators out should Dean fail. The strength of the offense lies in the line, where all five starters are back, including veterans Dean Golden and Jim Watson and super sophs Reggie Green and Jason Odom. Look for Spurrier to lean heavily on the proven talents of senior tailback Errict Rhett. All-SEC wide receiver Willie Jackson, the league's leader in receptions and TD catches last year, will be there if they can get the ball to him.

**Defense:** Florida's defensive unit could rival Alabama's 1992 group in terms of dominance this season. Depth and talent abound on the line of this 4-4 set. At least six of its defensive linemen are candidates for all-conference honors, including ends Kevin Carter and Johnie Church and tackles William Gaines and Henry McMillian. If redshirt freshman cornerback Anthone Lott looks anything like his cousin, future NFL Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott, and strong safety Monty Grow wins a lawsuit to regain his last year of eligibility, this unit could be awesome.

**Special Teams:** The Gators will have to resolve the situation at place-kicker, where Bart Edmiston and Judd Davis were dueling neck-and-neck. The punting duties are in the solid possession of junior Shayne Edge, an All-SEC candidate. Monty Duncan and Larry Kennedy make for an impressive kick return duo.

**Environment:** Florida insiders knew last year's lofty preseason Top 5 predictions were unrealistic. Even the most conservative backers will find it hard not to be giddy

### FLORIDA

**LOCATION:** Gainesville, Fla.

**STADIUM:** Florida Field (83,000).

**COACH:** Steve Spurrier (48-21-1 overall/28-8 at Florida).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-4 (defeated N.C. State, 27-10, in the Gator Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 51.

#### PROJECTED STARTERS:

**Offense**—Terry Dean, QB, 6-3, 203, Jr.; Errict Rhett, RB, 6-0, 211, Sr. (2nd team All-SEC); Kelvin Randolph, FB, 5-10, 221, Sr.; Willie Jackson, WR, 6-1, 195, Sr. (All-SEC); Harrison Houston, WR, 5-9, 174, Sr.; Greg Keller, TE, 6-5, 235, Sr.; Reggie Green, T, 6-6, 295, So. (Freshman All-SEC); Jason Odom, T, 6-5, 280, So.; Jim Watson, G, 6-3, 274, Jr.; Dean Golden, G, 6-6, 276, Jr.; C Gantt Crouch, 6-3, 268, Sr.; Bart Edmiston, PK, 5-10, 167, So.

**Defense**—William Gaines, T, 6-5, 287, Sr.; Ellis Johnson, T, 6-2, 265, Jr.; Mark Campbell, E, 6-1, 273, So.; Kevin Carter, E, 6-6, 267, Jr.; Ed Robinson, ILB, 6-0, 236, Sr.; Jason Bartley, ILB, 6-0, 213, So.; Ben Hanks, OLB, 6-2, 214, So.; Carlton Pouncy, OLB, 5-10, 190, Jr.; Larry Kennedy, CB, 5-10, 184, Jr.; Anthone Lott, CB, 5-10, 180, RS Fr.; Michael Gilmore, FS, 6-0, 180, Jr.; Shayne Edge, P, 5-11, 170, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Terry Dean, QB; Errict Rhett, RB; Ed Robinson, LB; Larry Kennedy, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** James Bates, LB; Anthone Lott, CB; Lawrence Wright, FS.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Shane Matthews, QB; Carlton Miles, ILB; Will White, FS.

over this season's prospects.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The schedule doesn't heat up until Sept. 18 when Tennessee comes to town, the outcome of which will determine the Eastern Division champion. Potential stumbling blocks exist with back-to-back road games at LSU and Auburn. An Oct. 30 match with Georgia in Jacksonville will be critical as always. The Gators' season won't be complete without a win over Florida State in Gainesville in the season finale.

**Outlook:** In all likelihood Florida will once again represent the Eastern Division at the SEC Championship Game in



Harrison Houston, Florida

PHOTO: BOB ROSATO

Birmingham, and the Gators might well advance to the Sugar Bowl. Unless they can beat those pesky Seminoles, a run at the national championship will have to stay on hold another year.

**Petersen Predicts:** 11-2.

**Bowl:** yes.

### 2. TENNESSEE

**Offense:** As for skilled position players, the Vols are loaded as usual. Heath Shuler, who had a fabulous sophomore season, is back to lead their I-based attack. There's incredible depth in the backfield where senior tailback Charlie Garner hopes to pick up where he left off with 928 yards last year. Aaron Hayden and James Stewart, overtaken by Garner last season, are still around, as is wideout Cory Fleming, the SEC's second-leading returning receiver. The key here is to replace three offensive linemen, which usually isn't a problem in Big Orange country.



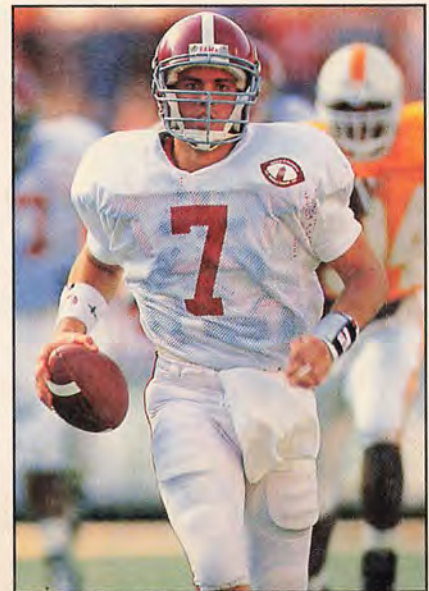
Stan White, Auburn

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Charlie Garner, Tennessee

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Jay Barker, Alabama

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## TENNESSEE

**LOCATION:** Knoxville, Tenn.

**STADIUM:** Neyland Stadium (91,902).

**COACH:** Phillip Fulmer (4-0 overall/and at Tennessee).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-3 (defeated Boston College, 38-23, in Hall of Fame Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 43.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Heath Shuler, QB, 6-3, 208, Jr.; Charlie Garner, RB, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Mario Brunson, 6-1, 245, Sr.; Cory Fleming, WR, 6-3, 212, Sr.; Ron Davis, WR, 5-11, 196, Jr.; David Horn, TE, 6-4, 234, So.; Leslie Ratliffe, T, 6-7, 290, So.; Richard Howard, T, 6-6, 300, RS Fr.; Bubba Miller, G, 6-1, 290, So.; Jeff Smith, G, 6-3, 300, So.; Jason Layman, C, 6-5, 286, So.; John Becksvoort, PK, 6-1, 170, Jr.; Ron Davis, KR, 5-11, 196, Jr.

**Defense**—Shane Bonham, T, 6-4, 270, Sr.; Paul Yatkowski, T, 6-3, 262, Sr.; James Wilson, E, 6-3, 253, Sr.; Shane Burton, E, 6-6, 250, So.; George Kidd, LB, 6-1, 205, So.; Reggie Ingram, LB, 6-2, 240, Sr.; Ben Talley, LB, 6-3, 228, Jr.; DeRon Jenkins, CB, 6-0, 170, So.; Shawn Summers, CB, 5-9, 175, So.; Quincy Prigmore, SS, 6-1, 224, So.; Jason Parker, FS, 6-1, 190, So.; Tom Hutton, P, 6-1, 181, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Heath Shuler, QB; Charlie Garner, RB; John Becksvoort, PK; Jason Parker, FS; Ben Talley, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Billy Baron, DL; Travis Cozart, DB; Jay Graham, TB; Eric Lane, TB; Leonard Little, LB; Benji Shuler, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Mike Stowell, OT; Craig Faulkner, WR; Todd Kelly, DE; J.J. Surlas, DT.

**Defense:** A strong linebacking corps is back to anchor Tennessee's 4-3 defense. Reggie Ingram, Ben Talley and George Kidd are all of all-star caliber. The question marks are on the line, where the Vols lost three starters, including All-SEC end Todd Kelly. Seniors will fill three of the four vacant spots. The secondary is led by free

## ON THE HOT SEAT

### 1. LSU head coach Curley Hallman

*Frankly, it's surprising Hallman is still around after last year's 2-9 debacle. No way will a coach survive at LSU should the Fighting Tigers produce a fifth straight losing season.*

### 2. South Carolina head coach Sparky Woods

*Woods saved his job last season when the Chickens won five of their last six games and, most importantly, beat rival Clemson in the season finale. However, Woods' contract wasn't extended at the end of the season, and word is he'll need at least seven wins to hang around another year.*

### 3. Florida QB Terry Dean

*How would you like to be the guy following Shane Matthews while the whole country is watching to see if it's the quarterback or Steve Spurrier's system?*

safety Jason Parker, a talented sophomore, but is mostly young and unproven.

**Special Teams:** This appears to be a strong suit for the Vols. They're touting junior place-kicker John Becksvoort for all-conference honors, and Tom Hutton is unchallenged at punter. Ron Davis and Shawn Summers give Tennessee a lethal pair of kick returners.

**Environment:** By hiring former assistant Phillip Fulmer as Johnny Majors' replacement, Tennessee pumped new life into an already healthy program. Fulmer served as interim head coach while Majors recovered from heart surgery last season and was 4-0 while doing so. Expectations are high after a 38-23 win over Boston College in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The schedule looks favorably on the Vols with seven home games. Their season, however, will be decided on two road trips: to Florida Sept. 18 and to Birmingham to face defending national champion Alabama Oct. 16. Victories at either venue could propel them into national championship contention.

**Outlook:** Last season was supposed to

be a rebuilding year, and Tennessee went 9-3. The Vols should contend for the Eastern Division title, but games at Florida and Alabama stand in their way. They haven't done well lately at either place.

**Petersen Predicts:** 10-2.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 3. GEORGIA

**Offense:** The Bulldogs led the SEC and were ninth in the nation in total offense last year, but they'll be hard-pressed to duplicate that feat with the losses of All-American scatback Garrison Hearst and wide receiver Andre Hastings a year early to the NFL draft. Quarterback Eric Zeier, who's touted for All-America honors, will be asked to carry much of the load. Scatback Terrell Davis actually averaged more yards per carry (7.3) than did Hearst as his understudy last year, but he doesn't represent the break-away threat of his predecessor.

## GEORGIA

**LOCATION:** Athens, Ga.

**STADIUM:** Sanford Stadium (85,434).

**COACH:** Ray Goff (29-18 overall/and at Georgia).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 10-2 (defeated Ohio State, 21-14, in the Citrus Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 49.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Eric Zeier, QB, 6-2, 200, Jr. (All-SEC, preseason All-America); Terrell Davis, TB, 6-1, 206, Jr.; Frank Harvey, FB, 6-0, 237, Sr.; Brian Bohannon, WR, 5-11, 180, Sr.; Hason Graham, WR, 5-11, 170, Jr.; Shannon Mitchell, TE, 6-3, 235, Sr.; Bernard Williams, T, 6-9, 310, Sr.; Paul Taylor, T, 6-5, 270, So.; Troy Stark, G, 6-6, 260, So.; Steve Roberts, 6-3, 263, Jr.; David Weeks, C, 6-6, 260, So.; Kanon Parkman, PK, 5-11, 168, So.

**Defense**—Travis Jones, T, 6-3, 257, Sr.; Phillip Daniels, T, 6-6, 221, So.; Matt Storm, NG, 6-6, 275, Jr. (JC All-America); Randall Godfrey, ILB, 6-3, 220, So. (Freshman All-America); Charlie Clemons, ILB, 6-2, 226, Sr.; Mitch Davis, OLB, 6-3, 240, Sr. (All-SEC); Maurice Harrell, OLB, 6-3, 225, Jr.; Charles Pledger, CB, 6-0, 175, Jr.; Greg Tremble, CB, 5-11, 185, Sr. (All-SEC as FS); Buster Owens, SS, 6-0, 195, So.; Ralph Thompson, FS, 6-1, 183, Jr.; Scot Armstrong, P, 6-2, 192, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Terrell Davis, TB; David Weeks, C; Eric Zeier, QB; Matt Storm, DL; Randall Godfrey, LB; Greg Tremble, DB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Matt Storm, DL; Mike Bobo, QB; Marcus Williams, LB; Mario Nolan, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Garrison Hearst, TB; Andre Hastings, WR; Alec Millen, OT; Jack Swan, C; Mack Strong, FB; Casey Barnum, NG; Greg Jackson, DT; Tom Wallace, DT.

## ALL-SEC

**First-team offense:** QB Eric Zeier, Georgia; RB Errict Rhett, Florida; RB Charlie Garner, Tennessee; WR Willie Jackson, Florida; WR David Palmer, Alabama; TE Shannon Mitchell, Georgia; T Reggie Green, Florida; T Bernard Williams, Georgia; G Jim Watson, Florida; G Isaac Davis, Arkansas; C Tobie Sheils, Alabama; PK Scott Etheridge, Auburn; KR David Palmer, Alabama.

**First-team defense:** DL Kevin Carter, Florida; DL Arley Gibson, Mississippi State; DL William Gaines, Florida; DL Henry Ford, Arkansas; LB Randall Godfrey, Georgia; LB Marty Moore, Kentucky; LB Mitch Davis, Georgia; DB Jeff Brothers, Vanderbilt; DB Johnny Dixon, Mississippi; DB Antonio Langham, Alabama; DB Greg Tremble, Georgia; P Todd Jordan, Mississippi State.

**Second-team offense:** QB Heath Shuler, Tennessee; RB Marvin Courtney, Mississippi; RB James Bostic, Auburn; WR Eddie Small, Mississippi; WR Cory Fleming, Tennessee; TE Kirk Botkin, Arkansas; T Roosevelt Patterson, Alabama; T Wayne Gandy, Auburn; G Ryan Bell, Vanderbilt; G Steve Roberts, Georgia; C Kevin Mawae, LSU; PK Michael Proctor, Alabama; KR David Butler, LSU.

**Second-team defense:** DL Johnnie Church, Florida; DL Randy Hart, Auburn; DL Matt Storm, Georgia; DL Nate Miller, LSU; LB Ed Robinson, Florida; LB Dewayne Dotson, Mississippi; LB Lemanski Hall, Alabama; DB Robert Davis, Vanderbilt; DB Larry Kennedy, Florida; DB Fred Smith, Auburn; DB Anthony Marshall, LSU; P Shayne Edge, Florida.



Redshirt freshman Sterling Boyd does have break-away speed, but must overcome the injury bug. With the exception of senior Brian Bohannon the wide receivers are largely unproven. Look for Zeier to rely on tight end Shannon Mitchell as a primary target. Tackle Bernard Williams (6-9, 310) is a projected first-round draft pick.

**Defense:** The Bulldogs, like most other teams, are favoring a four-man front, but they lost all three starting linemen from last year's unit, which ranked sixth in the nation in points allowed. Ray Goff imported JC All-American Matt Storm to help solidify the line. The strength is at linebacker, where freshman All-American Randall Godfrey and All-SEC outside linebacker Mitch Davis return. Greg Tremble, an All-SEC selection as a free safety, will likely move back to cornerback with the return of Ralph Thompson, who was suspended last year. Despite the loss of six starters this unit could be surprisingly good.

**Special Teams:** Sophomore Kanon Parkman returns after a redshirt year resulting from an illness last season. Though a decent field-goal kicker, Parkman needs to improve the distance of his kickoffs. Punting was an Achilles' heel last year, and senior Scot Armstrong could be pushed by walk-on Brett Pellock at that position. The search is on for a kick returner to replace Hastings. Sophomore Jeff Thomas is a likely candidate.

**Environment:** Restless would best describe the situation in Athens. Most followers felt last year was the Bulldogs' best chance to return to the Sugar Bowl, but they couldn't get by Tennessee or Florida in a year in which both teams appeared vulnerable. Goff's 1993 recruiting class fell short of his previous four, and there's some concern whether Georgia can sustain the momentum of the last two seasons.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Bulldogs have to go on the road to avenge their only two losses last year. They must face Tennessee before 91,000 Vols fans at Neyland Stadium in the season's second week, and Florida has only improved since beating Georgia 26-24 on Halloween in Jacksonville last year. A Sept. 25 trip to Ole Miss could prove critical, and the Bulldogs will be thankful to come away with a win at Georgia Tech on Thanksgiving Day.

**Outlook:** The Bulldogs should figure in the Eastern Division championship equation, but the schedule goes against them on this count. Unless they can win at Tennessee or beat Florida in Jacksonville for the first time in four years, they'll be at home watching the SEC Championship Game again this year.

**Petersen Predicts:** 9-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

#### 4. VANDERBILT

**Offense:** The Commodores return eight starters in Coach Gerry DiNardo's I-Bone offense, but the three losses were critical: quarterback Marcus Wilson, split end Clarence Seavillian and tight end Pat Akos. DiNardo imported three wishbone-type quarterbacks last year just for that reason, and sophomore Kenny Simon has emerged as the heir apparent. The rest of the backfield, led by tailback Tony Jackson, is intact. He'll be backed up by sophomore

#### VANDERBILT

**LOCATION:** Nashville, Tenn.

**STADIUM:** Dudley Field.

**COACH:** Gerry DiNardo (9-13 overall/and at Vanderbilt).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-7.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 34.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Kenny Simon, QB, 6-0, 193, So.; Tony Jackson, TB, 5-8, 170, Sr.; Royce Love, FB, 6-2, 235, So.; Eric Lewis, WB, 6-0, 205, Jr.; Gabe Banks, WR, 6-0, 182, So.; Bryon Koepke, TE, 6-4, 231, So.; Eric Dahlberg, T, 6-6, 272, Sr.; Owen Neil, T, 6-4, 240, So.; Ryan Bell, G, 6-3, 268, Sr.; Mark Mikesell, G, 6-4, 275, Sr.; Richard Saenz, C, 6-4, 258, Jr.; Ron Juliano, PK, 5-10, 195, So.; Tony Jackson, KR, 5-8, 170, Sr.

**Defense**—James Manley, NG, 6-4, 282, So.; Alan Young, T, 6-4, 246, Sr.; John DeWitt, T, 6-4, 260, Sr.; Gerald Collins, LB, 6-3, 245, Sr.; Brad Brown, LB, 6-3, 237, Sr.; Rico Francis, OLB, 6-0, 206, Sr.; Shelton Quarles, OLB, 6-2, 221, Sr.; Robert Davis, CB, 5-9, 191, Sr.; Byron King, CB, 5-11, 189, Jr.; Aaron Smith, SS, 5-11, 192, Sr.; Jeff Brothers, FS, 6-1, 174, Sr.; Steve Yenner, P.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Kenny Simon, QB; Tony Jackson, TB; Robert Davis, CB; Jeff Brothers, FS.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Cedric Douglas, QB, Ronnie Gordon, QB; Brian Boykin, DT; Carlton Hall, LB; Eric Vance, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Marcus Wilson, QB; Clarence Seavillian, WR; Pat Akos, TE; Gary Rogers, NG; Tony Cates, DT.

Cliff Deese. Most importantly, the entire offensive line returns to get things moving. Simon needs to improve his passing, but the Commodores may not need it. They prefer to keep the ball on the ground, as their average time of possession last year—33 minutes—will attest.

**Defense:** Vanderbilt has shown steady improvement on defense the past two years, and it appears that trend will contin-



Bryan Cornish, Arkansas

ue. Eight starters, all seniors, return to execute the 3-4 formation, including leading tackler Shelton Quarles, a linebacker. Defensive tackle Alan Young has all-star potential, as do free safety Jeff Brothers and cornerback Robert Davis.

**Special Teams:** A battle for place-kicking duties rages between sophomore Rob Juliano and junior-college transfer Steve Yenner, and the punting duties will be decided between Yenner and redshirt freshman Bill Marinangel. Vanderbilt may have the best pair of return specialists in the league. Tony Jackson's kickoff return average of 24.8 yards was 16th in the nation, and Jeff Brothers led the SEC in punt returns at 12.3 yards per game.

**Environment:** Expectations, which are never great at Vanderbilt, are cautiously optimistic. The Commodores' goals remain modest, with hopes of producing their first winning season in 10 years.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:**

Should Vanderbilt produce a winning season, it'll be no fluke. The Commodores have a difficult road slate with games at Ole Miss, Florida and Tennessee, and they face Alabama and Georgia at home. The pivotal game comes in the middle of the season when they go to South Carolina, an Oct. 23rd contest that should ultimately decide fourth and fifth place in the East.

**Outlook:** This is shaping up to be DiNardo's best Vanderbilt team so far. He lifted the Commodores to five wins in 1991 and had four last year, nearly five times as many victories as the previous two seasons. If they can stay healthy and get a few breaks, the Commodores could win seven games and go to a bowl for the first time in 10 seasons.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-5.

**Bowl:** no.

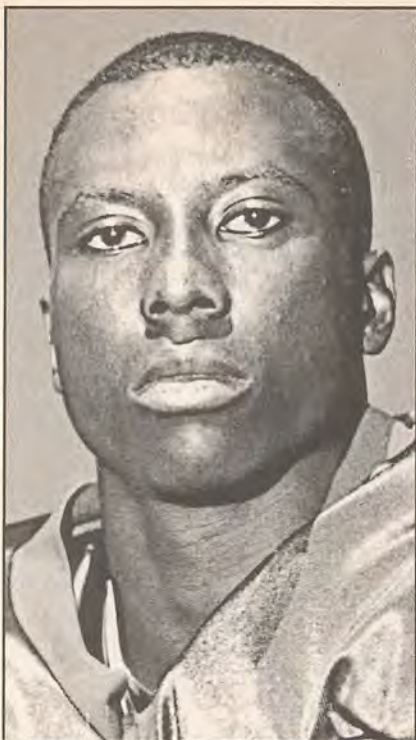
#### 5. SOUTH CAROLINA

**Offense:** Maverick quarterback Steve Tanneyhill and his lengthy locks are among eight starters who return to see that South Carolina's I-based multiple offense moves. Tanneyhill was the spark the Gamecocks needed for a strong finish last season, and they expect even bigger things from the 6-5 sophomore this year. The backfield is strong with the one-two punch of running backs Brandon Bennett and Rob DeBoer. There are questions on the line where South Carolina must replace three starters, most notably 330-pound tackle Ernest Dye. Import Monty Means could help them at wide receiver.

**Defense:** A particularly strong secondary makes South Carolina's 3-4 defense particularly strong. Cornerback Frank Adams and strong safety Tony Watkins are both all-star candidates, and free safety Norman Greene gives them three returning starters. A strong linebacking group is led by All-SEC candidate Ernest Dixon at outside linebacker. Cedric Bembery's absence at nose guard is deeply felt, but 6-2, 290-pound sophomore Mike Washington appears capable of plugging the gap.

**Special Teams:** Junior Marty Simpson returns to handle both the place-kicking and punting duties, neither of which he did very well last year. He missed 9-of-21 field goal attempts last year and averaged only





**Tracy Caldwell, Arkansas**

38.5 yards a punt. Frank Adams emerged as one of the nation's top kickoff returners since he averaged 25.3 yards per return and returned one for a touchdown. Terrell Harris may or may not handle punt returns again.

**Environment:** Word out of Columbia is Sparky Woods must win at least seven games to remain as South Carolina's head coach. He has two years left on a five-year contract, and he refused to accept a

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

**LOCATION:** Columbia, S.C.

**STADIUM:** Williams-Brice Stadium (72,400).

**COACH:** Sparky Woods (58-40-5 overall/20-21-3 at South Carolina).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 46.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Steve Tannehill, QB, 6-5, 205, So.; Brandon Bennett, RB, 6-0, 198, Jr.; Rob DeBoer, RB, 5-10, 205, Sr.; Toby Cates, WR, 6-0, 185, Jr.; Chris Alford, WR, 6-2, 190, So.; Mathew Campbell, TE, 6-5, 245, Jr.; Corey Louchiey, T, 6-8, 290, Sr.; Antoine Jackson, T, 6-5, 280, Jr.; James Dexter, G, 6-6, 250, So.; Vincent Dinkins, G, 6-2, 285, Jr.; Darryl Carter, C, 6-3, 240, Jr.; Marty Simpson, PK, 6-3, 190, Jr.; Frank Adams, KR, 5-8, 165, Sr.

**Defense**—David Turnipseed, E, 6-4, 260, So.; Mike Washington, NG, 6-2, 290, So.; Eric Sullivan, E, 6-3, 250, So.; Eric Brown, ILB, 6-2, 220, Sr.; Hank Campbell, ILB, 6-0, 220, Jr.; Ernest Dixon, OLB, 6-2, 240, Sr.; Lawrence Mitchell, OLB, 6-6, 230, Jr.; Frank Adams, CB, 5-8, 165, Sr. (All-SEC); Ron Nealy, CB, 5-10, 170, So.; Tony Watkins, SS, 5-11, 195, Jr.; Norman Greene, FS, 6-2, 190, Jr.; Marty Simpson, P, 6-3, 190, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Steve Tannehill, QB; Brandon Bennett, RB; Ernest Dixon, OLB; Frank Adams, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Mercedes Hamilton, DL; Tony Law, DL; Monty Means, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Ernest Dye, OT; Antoine Givens, OG; Cedric Bemberry, NG.

measly one-year extension after his team won five of its last six games to finish 5-6 last season. Still, the mood is anything but glum. Woods has brought in strong recruiting classes the last two years, and the Gamecocks could prove to be one of the league's most improved teams.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Gamecocks get a tough start in '93, opening on the road at Georgia, then traveling to Arkansas the next week. If they can survive with at least a split, they play seven of their next nine in the friendly confines of Williams-Brice Stadium. However, South Carolina continues to play one of the country's most competitive schedules. It plays Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi State from the Western Division and Louisiana Tech and East Carolina out of the conference. Success will be determined if the Gamecocks can survive an Orange Crush finish of Tennessee, Florida and Clemson.

**Outlook:** Academics could play a big role in the Gamecocks' success or failure because 33 football players were considered "at risk" academically during the spring. Even if they remain eligible and stay healthy, the schedule may prove too much.

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-6.

**Bowl:** no.

## **6. KENTUCKY**

**Offense:** If you want to find the definition of optimism, look to Kentucky coach Bill Curry, who says his offensive line could actually be better this year even with the loss of four of the five starters. Junior tackle Mark Askin is the lone returnee on the offensive front. The good news for the Wildcats is all the other principal parts of Curry's Stack-I offense are back, including

## **KENTUCKY**

**LOCATION:** Lexington, Ky.

**STADIUM:** Commonwealth Stadium (57,800).

**COACH:** Bill Curry (68-75-4 overall/11-22 at Kentucky).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-7.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 49.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Pookie Jones, QB, 6-1, 192, Jr.; Damon Hood, FB, 6-2, 226, Jr.; Randy Wyatt, TB, 5-10, 169, Jr.; Matt Riazzi, WB, 5-7, 179, Sr.; Mark Chatmon, WR, 5-8, 160, Sr.; Terry Samuels, TE, 6-2, 245, Sr.; Mark Askin, T, 6-5, 295, Jr.; Chris Page, T, 6-7, 275, So.; Barry Jones, G, 6-5, 275, So.; Barry Rich, G, 6-1, 260, Sr.; Wesley Jackson, C, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Brent Claiborne, PK, 5-9, 166, Sr.; Mark Chatmon, KR, 5-8, 160, Jr.

**Defense**—Zane Beehn, E, 6-4, 250, Sr.; Howard Carter, E, 6-4, 240, So.; Robert Stinson, T, 6-4, 267, Jr.; Billy Lofton, T, 6-3, 290, So.; Marty Moore, LB, 6-1, 239, Sr.; Duce Williams, LB, 6-0, 205, Sr.; David Snardon, LB, 6-2, 205, So.; Adrian Sherwood, CB, 5-11, 162, Sr.; Don Robinson, CB, 6-1, 183, Sr.; Marcus Jenkins, SS, 6-2, 205, So.; Melvin Johnson, FS, 5-11, 184, Jr.; Nicky Nickles, P, 5-11, 185, Fr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Pookie Jones, QB; Randy Wyatt, TB; Marty Moore, LB; Adrian Sherwood, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Donnell Gordon, TB; Maurice Williams, TB; Eric Wright, DE; Chris Ward, DE.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Kurt Johnson, WR, Neil Page, TE; Brad Armstead, FS, Doug Pelfrey, PK.

quarterback Pookie Jones, running back Damon Hood and wingback Mike Riazzi. Hood will work primarily as a fullback as the speedy Randy Wyatt, a junior-college transfer, moves into the tailback slot. Terry Samuels was moved from fullback to tight end during the spring. Senior split end Tim Calvert will be a primary target for Jones.

**Defense:** The Wildcats have one of the league's best in linebacker Marty Moore, who plays in the middle of their 4-3 set. Moore, a 6-1, 239-pound senior, led the SEC with 148 tackles last year. He's one of seven returning starters, including tackles Damon Betz and Robert Stinson and end Zane Beehn. Adrian Sherwood is a talented cornerback, but the loss of free safety Brad Armstead could hurt.

**Special Teams:** Not a plus. Walk-on Brent Claiborne, nephew of longtime Kentucky coach Jerry Claiborne, will find replacing record-setting place-kicker Doug Pelfrey difficult. He'll be pushed by redshirt freshman Nicky Nickles, who'll also handle punts. Senior Mark Chatmon and Wyatt will handle kick returns.

**Environment:** Bill Curry has assembled one of the most impressive coaching staffs at Kentucky since Bear Bryant was head coach there. He brought in former LSU head coach Mike Archer as defensive coordinator and surrounded young offensive coordinator Daryl Dickey with veteran Pac-10 assistants Ray Dorr and Don Riley. The patience shown Curry by the athletic administration is astounding, considering they've had only one winning season in the past eight years and none under Curry. Still, they've vowed to give Curry time to rebuild the program "the right way."

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Kentucky plays its two toughest games, Florida and Tennessee, at home. Its most difficult stretch begins in late October with consecutive road trips to Georgia, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt. Therein, the Wildcats' fate likely will be sealed. The non-conference slate of Kent State, Indiana and East Carolina is relatively mild by league standards.

**Outlook:** Kentucky appeared ready to break out of its prolonged slump with a 4-2 start last season, then lost its last five games. The Wildcats won't have to kid themselves this season. They'll know by October where they're headed.

**Petersen Predicts:** 3-8.

**Bowl:** no.

## **SEC WESTERN DIVISION**

### **1. ALABAMA**

**Offense:** While it falls short of the now-resolved Joe Montana-Steve Young conflict in San Francisco, the Crimson Tide has its own little quarterback controversy in Tuscaloosa. Seems that incumbent starter Jay Barker is getting a run for his money from upstart sophomore Brian Burgdorf. Burgdorf was named offensive MVP of the spring game when he completed his first 11 passes and finished the day 14-of-16 as his team defeated Barker's 27-19. How could Gene Stallings replace Barker, who's 17-0 since becoming a starter and led the Tide to national championship last season? Stay tuned. In any case, either quarterback



## ALABAMA

**LOCATION:** Tuscaloosa, Ala.

**STADIUM:** Bryant-Denny Stadium (70,123).

**COACH:** Gene Stallings (58-51-1 overall/31-6 at Alabama).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 13-0 (beat Miami, 34-13, in the Sugar Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 50.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Jay Barker, QB, 6-3, 209, Jr.; Tarrant Lynch, FB, 6-0, 224, Jr.; Chris Anderson, TB, 5-9, 178, Sr.; Tony Johnson, TE, 6-4, 240, So.; David Palmer, WR, 5-9, 170, Jr.; Kevin Lee, WR, 6-1, 186, Sr.; Roosevelt Patterson, T, 6-4, 290, Sr.; Matt Hammond, T, 6-3, 266, Sr.; John Clay, G, 6-2, 265, Sr.; Jon Stevenson, G, 6-2, 273, Jr.; Tobie Shiels, C, 6-4, 250, Sr. (All-SEC); Michael Proctor, PK, 5-11, 175, So.

**Defense**—James Gregory, NT, 6-4, 283, Sr.; Jeremy Nunley, E, 6-5, 247, Sr.; Elverett Brown, E, 6-4, 261, Jr.; Michael Rogers, ILB, 6-1, 220, Jr.; Mario Morris, ILB, 6-0, 220, Jr.; Lemanski Hall, OLB, 6-1, 220, Sr. (All-SEC); Andre Royal, OLB, 6-1, 210, Jr.; Antonio Langham, CB, 6-1, 170, Sr. (All-SEC); Tommy Johnson, CB, 5-10, 175, Jr.; Sam Shade, SS, 6-1, 190, Jr.; Chris Donnelly, FS, 6-0, 180, Sr.; Bryne Diehl, P, 6-3, 202, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** David Palmer, WR/KR; Lamanski Hall, OLB; Antonio Langham, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Curtis Alexander, RB; Dameian Vallery, RB; Tyrell Buckner, OLB/DE.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** John Copeland, DE; Eric Curry, DE; Antonio London, OLB; Derrick Oden, ILB; George Teague, FS; Derrick Lassic, TB.

stands to be well protected as four of the five starters on the offensive line, including All-SEC center Tobie Shiels, are back. Senior Chris Anderson figures to get the start at tailback with the departure of Derrick Lassic, but junior Sherman Williams and freshman Curtis Alexander will be given a good, long look. Alabama has vowed to try to throw the ball upfield more, and flanker David Palmer certainly could make that possible.

**Defense:** SEC quarterbacks will be glad to know John Copeland and Eric Curry are now making their livings in the NFL. That's the good news. The bad news is there are more quarterback terrorists where they came from. Junior Elverett Brown, Curry's replacement at right end, emerged as the defensive MVP of the spring, and Jeremy Nunley, the primary backup for both last year, is back and happy to be out of their long shadows. Lemanski Hall is an All-SEC candidate at outside linebacker, and three-fourths of that stingy secondary is back: cornerback Antonio Langham, strong safety Sam Shade and free safety Chris Donnelly. The last fourth, sophomore cornerback Tommy Johnson, is being pumped for all-conference honors. Linebacker Michael Rogers has completely recovered from a Christmas Eve car crash that kept him out of the Sugar Bowl.

**Special Teams:** It isn't likely Alabama will lose any games because of special teams. Place-kicker Michael Proctor was third in the league and 12th in the nation in field goals as a freshman last year, and David Palmer is one of the most exciting kick returners around. There's room for improvement in the punting game where

junior Bryne Diehl averaged only 38 yards a punt, and the team was last in the league in net punting.

**Environment:** The only way things could be better in Alabama would be if Bear Bryant himself rose from the dead to coach the Crimson Tide's season opener against Tulane.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:**

Alabama should hold clinics on how to schedule games. The Tide plays seven games on its home turf, three in Birmingham and four in Tuscaloosa. The team plays Tulane, Louisiana Tech and Southern Miss from outside the conference and won't play back-to-back road games all year. The Western Division title will be on the line when Alabama goes to Ole Miss Oct. 23 and to Auburn Nov. 27. The Oct. 16 Tennessee game in Birmingham should be electrifying.

**Outlook:** It's conceivable Alabama could win a second straight national championship. A return trip to the SEC Championship game is practically a given. A return trip to the Sugar Bowl isn't.

**Petersen Predicts:** 11-2.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 2. MISSISSIPPI

**Offense:** If the Rebels can find a suitable replacement at quarterback for three-year starter Russ Shows, they'll be in good shape. They think they've found one in sophomore Lawrence Adams, a native son who saw limited action last year. Replacing All-America tackle Everett Lindsey will be a challenge, but senior Burkes Brown has been appointed to do it. The other tackle, Clint Conlee, can be dominant at times. Former fullback Marvin Courtney and Dou Innocent will try to duplicate Cory Philpot's performance as the tailback in Mississippi's



Kirk Botkin, Arkansas

## MISSISSIPPI

**LOCATION:** Oxford, Miss.

**STADIUM:** Vaught-Hemingway Stadium (42,577).

**COACH:** Billy Brewer (119-89-6 overall/62-50-3 at Ole Miss).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-3. (defeated Air Force, 13-0, in Liberty Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 41.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Lawrence Adams, QB, 6-0, 180, So.; Marvin Courtney, TB, 5-11, 197, Sr.; Jeremy Veasley, FB, 6-2, 232, Sr.; Eddie Small, WR, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Joe Woods, WR, 5-9, 165, So.; Chris Turner, TE, 6-2, 230, Jr.; Clint Conlee, T, 6-4, 290, Sr.; Burkes Brown, T, 6-5, 265, Sr.; Chris May, G, 6-3, 265, So.; Joel Jordan, G, 6-2, 269, Sr.; Darrell Moncus, C, 6-2, 260, So.; Lance Berry, PK, 5-11, 170, Jr.; Joe Woods, KR, 5-9, 165, So.

**Defense**—Sean O'Malley, NG, 5-9, 255, Sr.; Brian Mays, T, 6-3, 261, Sr.; David Harris, T, 6-4, 255, Sr.; Alvin Herman, E, 6-3, 215, So.; Stacy Wilson, E, 6-4, 240, Jr.; Dwayne Dotson, LB, 6-2, 260, Sr.; Abdul Jackson, LB, 6-0, 234, Jr.; Cassius Ware, LB, 6-0, 240, Sr.; Tony Collier, CB, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Keith Campbell, CB, 5-11, 176, So.; Johnny Dixon, SS, 6-0, 210, Sr.; Michael Lowery, FS, 6-1, 193, So.; Chris McCardle, P, 5-10, 175, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Lawrence Adams, QB; Marvin Courtney, TB; Lance Berry, PK; Dwayne Dotson, LB; Stacy Wilson, DE.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Ta'Boris Fisher, WR/KR; Norman Hand, DT; Derek Jones, CB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Russ Shows, QB; Cory Philpot, TB; Everett Lindsey, OT; Brian Lee, PK; Chad Brown, DE.

multiple-I formations. Starting fullback Renard Brown tore up a knee in spring practice and must be replaced by senior Jeremy Veasley. Split end Eddie Small is the team's best receiver.

**Defense:** They call coordinator Joe Lee Dunn's defense a 5-2, but it's basically a "tackle the man with the ball preferably behind the line of scrimmage" scheme. That mentality produced for the Rebels 39 quarterback sacks last year and limited opponents to just 81 yards rushing per game, about 2.1 yards per play. Ole Miss has one of the country's best linebacker combinations in seniors Dwayne Dotson and Cassius Ware and junior Abdul Jackson. All three are tough to block, even if you can figure out where they're lined up. A talented secondary, led by All-SEC strong safety Johnny Dixon, awaits the ball carrier should they somehow clear the line of scrimmage.

**Special Teams:** If there's a weak area on the ballclub, this would be it. Walk-on Lance Berry will try to replace Brian Lee, who graduates owning most of the Rebels' place-kicking records, and junior-college transfer Chris McCardle comes in to handle punts. Sophomore Joe Woods is back to field kickoff returns, but Brewer will definitely want to take a look at highly touted freshman Ta'Boris Fisher.

**Environment:** There's a general feeling in Oxford that if the Rebels are ever going to win a championship again, this might be the year to do it. Morale is high after last year's 9-3 season, and while some key players from that team have departed, Head Coach Billy Brewer imported 12 junior-college players as



immediate stop gaps.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The direction of the Rebels' 1993 season could be determined in the first week when they travel to Auburn. The Tigers figure to be sneakily good, and surviving that test could mean much to the Ole Miss psyche. A late-September match with Georgia, the Rebels' first game against a pass-happy team, should reveal their true colors. If it's to win the West, Ole Miss must beat Alabama in Oxford Oct. 23, and LSU in Baton Rouge the following weekend, a tall order for any team. The annual bloodletting against rival Mississippi State is in Starkville this year.

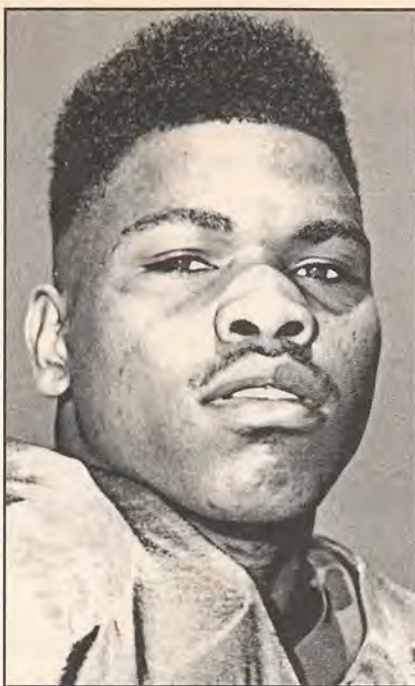
**Outlook:** Ole Miss has once again become one of the SEC's most competitive teams under Billy Brewer's guidance. However, it hasn't been able to make that next step where it contends for championships and major bowls. There are indications such feats could be possible this year.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

### 3. AUBURN

**Offense:** If Steve Davis lives up to his lofty billing, Auburn could have one of the most talented backfields since Rodney Hampton and Tim Worley were trading handoffs at Georgia. The Tigers already have junior James Bostic, a 1992 All-SEC selection, at tailback. Davis, a 1992 signee who was forced to sit out last season because of Prop. 48, has been compared to former Tiger Bo Jackson and Georgia's Herschel Walker. Add to that the return of 10 starters on offense, and one begins to



Orlando Watters, Arkansas

see why there's an air of excitement on The Plain. Senior Stan White is back for his fourth straight season as the Tigers signal-caller. Three seniors, led by tackle Wayne Gandy, anchor the offensive line. Fullback Tony Richardson is back to lead the tailbacks out of the Pro-I. The biggest setback on offense came with junior wide receiver Orlando Parker's announcement he was giving up football to pursue track full-time.

**Defense:** The Tigers defensive front was hit hard by attrition as two starting linemen, and all three linebackers exhausted their eligibility last year. They'll rebuild around returning starters Damon Primus at tackle and Willie Whitehead at end. Senior Randy Hart saw a lot of playing time at tackle last year, and the addition of highly praised junior-college transfer Gary Walker will help. A trio of sophomores—Anthony Harris, Terry Solomon and Carlos Thornton—will take over as the linebackers. Most of the experience is in the secondary, where all four starters return. Junior cornerback Fred Smith is considered the class of the group.

**Special Teams:** Former walk-on Scott Etheridge blew the league away with his sudden emergence last year. He finished the season as the nation's No. 2 field-goal kicker, making 22-of-28 attempts. Junior punter Terry Daniel was third in the SEC with a 42.6-yard average, and Thomas Bailey was fourth in punt returns. So this area would appear to be a strength for the Tigers.

**Environment:** The NCAA gavel will come down before the season starts. Auburn is scheduled to go before the NCAA Infractions Committee June 30-July 1 to answer charges stemming from Eric Ramsey's audio-taped allegations of rules violations. A final word was expected within five weeks of those dates. The Auburn faithful seem resigned their to fate, however, and appear eager to get the whole affair behind them. First-year coach Tommy

Bowden did a phenomenal job of recruiting in light of the situation, and there's actually a great deal of optimism about the upcoming season—for good reason.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** With seven home games Auburn will have nobody but itself to blame if it falls short of a winning season. The home opener against Ole Miss to start the season could provide a good barometer for the year, since the Rebels should contend for the Western Division title. Another good test comes 17 days later at LSU. The Tigers have several opportunities to pull off upsets with home games against Florida and Alabama and a road game at Georgia.

**Outlook:** If the Tigers can use the NCAA's actions as some sort of motivational tool, they could wreak some havoc in the league.

**Petersen Predicts:** 7-4.

**Bowl:** The NCAA will say no.

### 4. ARKANSAS

**Offense:** If there's any area in which the Razorbacks must show improvement in 1993 it's on the offensive side of the ball. They were last in the SEC in total offense, averaging just 243 yards per game. Expect first-year coach Danny Ford to take Arkansas back to the basics by turning back to the run in his traditional I-formation offense. The entire offensive line, led by senior guard Isaac Davis, returns to get things going. Ford elevated redshirt freshman Tony Schwartz at left guard ahead of senior Ray Strachinske, who had shoulder surgery. The backfield is young, with sophomore Barry Lunney, who started as a freshman, getting the call again at quarterback, and sophomore Oscar Malone starting at tailback. Tight end Kirk Botkin is an

### ARKANSAS

**LOCATION:** Fayetteville, Ark.

**STADIUM:** Razorback Stadium (52,968).

**COACH:** Danny Ford (96-29-4 overall/first year at Arkansas).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 3-7-1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 48.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Barry Lunney, QB, 6-2, 180, So.; Oscar Malone, TB, 5-9, 175, So.; Oscar Gray, FB, 6-2, 245, Jr.; Tracy Caldwell, WR, 5-11, 163, Sr.; Kotto Cotton, WR, 6-0, 175, Jr.; Kirk Botkin, TE, 6-3, 226, Sr. (All-SEC); Brian Cornish, T, 6-4, 270, Jr.; Chris Oliver, T, 6-5, 261, Sr.; Tony Swartz, G, 6-3, 271, RS Fr.; Isaac Davis, G, 6-3, 292, Sr.; Earl Scott, C, 6-3, 258, So.; Alan Behrman, PK, 5-8, 144, Fr.; Orlando Watters, KR, 5-11, 172, Sr.

**Defense**—Vernon Wade, T, 6-4, 260, Jr.; Junior Soli, NG, 6-1, 265, Sr.; Henry Ford, E, 6-3, 260, Sr.; Dexter Howard, E, 6-1, 245, Sr.; Tyrone Chatman, LB, 5-9, 212, Sr.; Darwin Ireland, LB, 6-1, 218, Sr.; Kevin Kempf, LB, 6-3, 222, Sr.; Orlando Watters, CB, 5-11, 172, Sr.; Dean Peevy, CB, 5-11, 181, Jr.; Alfred Jackson, SS, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Carl Kidd, FS, 6-1, 205, Jr.; Doyle Preston, P, 6-2, 195, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Barry Lunney, QB; Oscar Malone, TB; Henry Ford, DE; Orlando Watters, DB/KR.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Pat Baker, OT; Alan Behrman, PK; Darius Cummings, DE; Dexter Hebert, RB; Carl Kidd, FS.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Ron Dickerson, WR; E.D. Jackson, RB; Ray Lee Johnson, DE; Owen Kelly, NG.

### AUBURN

**LOCATION:** Auburn, Ala.

**STADIUM:** Jordan-Hare Stadium (85,214).

**COACH:** Tommy Bowden (65-35-1 overall/first year at Auburn).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-5-1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 56.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Stan White, QB, 6-3, 200, Sr.; James Bostic, TB, 6-1, 217, Jr.; Tony Richardson, FB, 6-2, 214, Sr.; Thomas Bailey, WR, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Frank Sanders, WR, 6-3, 195, Jr.; Andy Fuller, TE, 6-3, 243, So.; Wayne Gandy, T, 6-4, 277, Sr.; Anthony Redmon, T, 6-4, 285, Sr.; Jason Taylor, G, 6-3, 290, So.; Shannon Roubique, G, 6-1, 262, So.; Greg Thompson, C, 6-3, 260, Sr.; Scott Etheridge, PK, 5-11, 148, Sr.; Thomas Bailey, KR, 5-11, 180, Jr.

**Defense**—Willie Whitehead, E, 6-2, 240, Jr.; Alonzo Etheridge, E, 6-4, 251, Jr.; Damon Primus, T, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Randy Hart, T, 6-5, 271, Sr.; Anthony Harris, LB, 6-2, 225, So.; Terry Solomon, LB, 6-2, 215, So.; Carlos Thornton, LB, 6-1, 220, Jr.; Calvin Jackson, CB, 5-10, 167, So.; Fred Smith, CB, 5-9, 190, Jr.; Chris Shelling, SS, 5-10, 177, Jr.; Otis Mounds, FS, 6-1, 192, Jr.; Terry Daniel, P, 6-1, 200, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** James Bostic, TB; Steve Davis, TB; Willie Whitehead, DE; Anthony Harris, LB; Fred Smith, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Steve Davis, RB; Gary Walker, DL; Willie Anderson, OL; Lewis Battle, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Chris Gray, OT; Ricky Sutton, DE; James Willis, LB; Tim Cromartie, DT.



## LOUISIANA STATE

**LOCATION:** Baton Rouge, La.

**STADIUM:** Tiger Stadium (80,140).

**COACH:** Curley Hallman (30-26 overall/7-15 at LSU).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 2-9.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 46.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Jamie Howard, QB, 6-1, 198, So.; Robert Davis, TB, 5-10, 187; Robert Toomer, FB, 5-10, 205, So.; Scott Ray, WR, 6-2, 197, Sr.; Brett Bech, WR, 6-1, 180, Jr.; Harold Bishop, TE, 6-6, 250, Sr.; Ross Setters, T, 6-5, 185, Sr.; Tom Turner, 6-5, 258, So.; Ronnie Simnicht, G, 6-5, 288, Sr.; Mark King, G, 6-3, 279, So.; Kevin Mawae, C, 6-5, 262, Sr.; Matt Huerkamp, PK, 6-0, 167, So.; David Butler, KR, 5-9, 185, So.

**Defense**—William Crowell, NG, 6-0, 259, So.; Nate Miller, T, 6-4, 300, Jr.; Tori Workman, T, 6-4, 275, So.; Mike Calais, LB, 6-1, 210, So.; Robert Deshotel, LB, 6-2, 221, Jr.; James Gillyard, OLB, 6-2, 234, So.; Corey White, OLB, 6-3, 238, Sr.; Rodney Young, CB, 6-2, 205, Jr.; Tony James, CB, 6-2, 175, So.; Ivory Hilliard, SS, 6-0, 186, Jr.; Anthony Marshall, FS, 6-2, 196, Sr.; Scott Holstein, P, 6-5, 209, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Jamie Howard, QB; Robert Davis, TB; Anthony Marshall, SS; James Gillyard, OLB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** David LaFleur, TE; Eddie Kennison, WR; Denard Walker, DB; Sam Wells, OL.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Wesley Jacob, WR; Darron Landry, OG; David Walkup, LB; Clayton Mouton, DT; Roovelroe Swan, OLB.

all-star candidate.

**Defense:** Most of the Arkansas defensive unit is back, but Ford must replace three starters on the four-man front, most notably end Ray Lee Johnson, who was second only to Alabama's John Copeland in sacks last year. Senior end Henry Ford should help take up some of the slack. The Razorbacks are strong at linebacker, where leading tackler Kevin Kempf is back in the middle and sack specialist Darwin Ireland returns on the outside. Senior cornerback Orlando Watters leads a talented secondary that adds junior-college All-America Carl Kidd to the mix. They must improve at stopping the run.

**Special Teams:** The Razorbacks lost the nation's 13th-ranked punter, Pete Raether, the 11th-ranked place-kicker, Todd Wright, and the 15th-ranked kick returner, Ron Dickerson. They'll replace Raether with quarterback Doyle Preston; Wright's job will likely go to freshman signee Alan Behrman. Watters, who returned punts last year, will probably handle kickoff returns as well.

**Environment:** Danny Ford, who won a national championship while at Clemson in 1981, takes over as head coach after serving last year as an "adviser" under interim coach Joe Kines. Ford's presence alone has the Arkansas fans excited and the rest of the SEC nervous.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Razorbacks face a challenging road schedule with trips to Alabama, Georgia, Ole Miss and LSU. Tennessee will have revenge on its mind Oct. 9, when it plays Arkansas in Little Rock. The Razorbacks knocked the Vols out of contention for the SEC East title with an upset in Knoxville

last season. They should win non-conference games against SMU, Memphis State and Tulsa.

**Outlook:** Arkansas is no threat to dethrone Alabama as king of the Western Division, but Ford's presence alone should be good for at least two more victories this season.

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-6.

**Bowl:** no.

## 5. LOUISIANA STATE

**Offense:** The Fighting Tigers are loaded at running back, and if they can overcome key losses on the offensive line, they should be able to put up some big rushing numbers. Tailback Robert Davis gained 527 yards as a freshman last year, and Robert Toomer, another sophomore, gives them a break-away threat at fullback. Kevin Mawae, second-team All-SEC as a tackle last year, is moved to center, but there'll be newcomers at three of the positions. Longtime Auburn line coach Neal Callaway was imported to see they develop. Sophomore Jamie Howard returns at quarterback, as does leading receiver Scott Ray and tight end Harold Bishop. New offensive coordinator Lynn Amedee promises more motion and passing this year.

**Defense:** Only four starters return from one of the league's poorest units last year. The strength is in the secondary where free safety Anthony Marshall and cornerback Rodney Young are both standouts. Sophomore James Gillyard has all-star capability at outside linebacker. The focus will be on revamping the line and inside linebacking corps, which yielded 212 yards rushing in 1992.

**Special Teams:** The Tigers will be trying

## MISSISSIPPI STATE

**LOCATION:** Starkville, Miss.

**STADIUM:** Scott Field (41,200).

**COACH:** Jackie Sherrill (119-55-2 overall/14-10-2 at Mississippi State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-5 (lost to North Carolina in Peach Bowl, 21-17).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Todd Jordan, QB, 6-2, 223, Sr.; Michael Davis, TB, 6-1, 233, Jr.; Fred McCrary, RB, 6-0, 194, Jr.; Chris Jones, WR, 6-2, 208, So.; Bernard Euell, WR, 5-10, 180, So.; Kendall Watkins, TE, 6-2, 248, So.; Melvin Hayes, T, 6-6, 330, Jr.; Jesse James, T, 6-5, 307, Jr.; Bill Sartin, G, 6-2, 291, Sr.; Shea Bell, G, 6-1, 287, Sr.; Brian Anderson, C, 6-5, 167, So.; Tom Burke, PK, 5-11, 156, Sr.; Bernard Euell, KR, 5-10, 180, So.

**Defense**—Arleye Gibson, NT, 6-2, 264, Sr.; Herman Carroll, T, 6-4, 261, Sr.; Tim Foster, T, 6-3, 271, Sr.; Juan Long, LB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Wesley Leasy, LB, 6-3, 225, Sr.; Lateef Travis, OLB, 6-3, 240, Jr.; Derrick Cagins, OLB, 6-4, 230, So.; Walt Harris, CB, 6-1, 180, So.; Jimmy Lipscomb, CB, 5-10, 180, So.; Frankie Luster, SS, 6-1, 195, Sr.; Kelvin Knight, FS, 6-1, 203, Sr.; Todd Jordan, P, 6-2, 223, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Todd Jordan, QB; Michael Davis, TB; Bill Sartin, OG; Juan Long, LB; Kelvin Knight, FS.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Al Cotton, DE; Eric Dotson, DE; Eric Moulds, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Olanda Truitt, WR; Willie Harris, WR; Tony James, WR/KR; Daniel Boyd, LB; Kevin Henry, DE.

first-year players at place-kicker (Matt Huerkamp) and punter (Scott Holstein). David Butler led the SEC and was 12th nationally in kickoff returns as a freshman last season.

**Environment:** Time is running out on Curley Hallman to produce a winner. After last year's 2-9 mark, the Tigers have had four straight losing seasons. Hallman's team must at least show progress.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** LSU faces a tough stretch early in which it plays three of its first four games on the road at Texas A&M, Mississippi State and Tennessee. The Tigers also have to go to Alabama in November. They may have to go undefeated at home to secure a winning season. This is a tough schedule to get well on.

**Outlook:** Hallman recruited well his first two seasons, but the time has come for his charges to produce. The Tigers will be improved, but not enough to figure in the championship equation.

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-6.

**Bowl:** no.

## 6. MISSISSIPPI STATE

**Offense:** The Bulldogs incurred heavy losses at the skilled positions when they lost their three leading receivers and their leading rusher. Senior Greg Plump is back at quarterback, but State was hurt when sophomore Rodney Hudson was suspended for the spring and therefore couldn't learn first-year coordinator Bruce Arians' new pro-style offense. Junior Michael Davis proved himself a capable runner with 474 yards and five TDs last year. Senior guard Bill Sartin leads a solid line.

**Defense:** Only four starters return. The Bulldogs will attempt to rebuild the three-man front around senior nose tackle Arleye Gibson. A pair of JC defensive ends, Al Cotton and Eric Dotson, could help here. Senior Juan Long, who had 119 stops last year, is back at inside linebacker. They're young at the corners, but experienced at the safeties, where seniors Kelvin Knight and Frankie Luster return.

**Special Teams:** Punter Todd Jordan led the SEC with a 43.6-yard average last season, but senior Tom Burke is unproven at place-kicker. Bernard Euell will attempt to replace one of the SEC's all-time best return men in Tony James.

**Environment:** This is an obvious rebuilding year for State since only 37 letter winners and 10 starters return from last year's 7-5 squad. Injuries snuffed the Bulldogs' best chance at a championship in years last season, but followers are hopeful Jackie Sherrill can produce a third straight bowl season.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** A Sept. 11 match with LSU in Starkville could dictate which direction the Bulldogs go. Trips to Florida and Alabama won't help matters. A non-conference slate of Memphis State, Tulane and Arkansas State will. The season finale with Ole Miss has developed into one of the country's best intrastate rivalries. It's in Starkville this year.

**Outlook:** Expectations aren't high this year, but State could surprise some people.

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-6.

**Bowl:** no.



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# SOUTHWEST

Rice had its first winning record in 29 years last season and so is

**T**his year's Southwest Conference chase is a one-horse race because Texas A&M knows how to ride, ride, ride. And the Aggies are well-stocked with thoroughbreds.

Head coach/jockey R.C. Slocum will have sophomore quarterback Corey Pullig, who has a year's worth of seasoning as a starter under his belt and seems to be fully recovered from a knee problem suffered in spring drills. Running backs Greg Hill, Rodney Thomas, Cliff Groce and newcomer Leland McElroy will all tear up the turf. The offensive line looks very strong, with starters center Chris Dausin, offensive tackles Dexter Wesley and Jason Mathews and guard Tyler Harrison returning. As always, the linebackers will be the leaders on the defense.

A&M looks great at every position. Expect experience at punter and backup quarterback, as well as depth at wide receiver. Expect the Aggies to threepeat, after winning back-to-back SWC titles.

And lo, after 21 years there's a new coach at Baylor. Chuck Reedy took over for Grant Teaff. Seven starters return on offense, and some players from Reedy's highly successful first recruiting class could bring a scoring binge into Baylor.

Expect running back Robert Strait to run to glory and quarterback J.J. Joe to be more than ordinary. It appears that sophomore running back Brandell Jackson will be the scatback at tailback for the Bears. On defense Scotty Lewis handled the move from defensive tackle to defensive end, and Kendrick Bell has come on at cornerback. However, with only three returning starters on defense, this could be the Achilles' heel for the Bears.

The Texas Longhorns look solid on defense and offense, but will go only as far as their quarterback takes them. Who'll be their QB? Good question.

The wide receiving corps of Mike Adams, Lovell Pinkney and Matt Davis should help erase a lot of quarterback mistakes. Winfred Tubbs should shine at middle linebacker, and the play of the defensive line was a pleasant surprise after spring practices.

brimming with optimism. Leading the way on offense is UCLA-transfer Bert Emanuel, who's thought to be the fastest QB in America. Look for improvement on defense with defensive tackle Corey Seymour, safety Nathan Bennett and Purdue-transfer defensive back Sean Washington.

The Owls would've gone to a bowl last year if they'd defeated Houston in the season's final game, but were drilled 61-34. It's easy to look at that and be disappointed. Yet Rice had won only seven games in 11 years before Fred Goldsmith arrived "between the hedges." Expect the Owls finally to be bowl-bound this year.

Houston has to be this year's dark-horse candidate. The Coogs have a line that's as huge as many NFL teams. They have Jimmy Klingler, who led the NCAA with 342.6 total yards of offense per game. The Coogs also gave up a school-record 386 points. That will have to change.

Recently dismissed Coach John Jenkins brought in numerous junior-college transfers for just this purpose, but as with any JC player, only time will tell if he fits into the system. Now the question is whose system since Jenkins was released last summer. New coach Kim Helton, formerly an offensive line coach with the Miami Dolphins, will surely bring in some new wrinkles of his own.

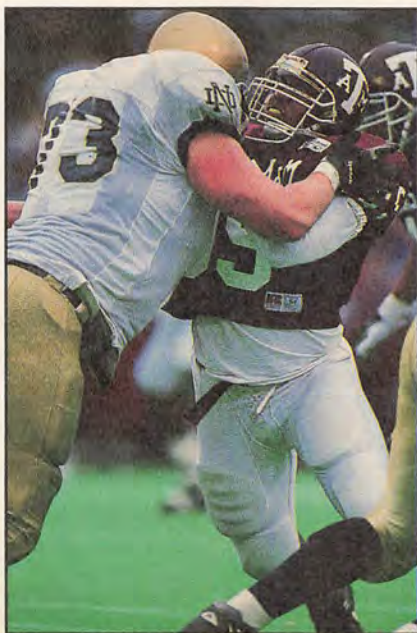
Texas Tech was supposed to have a banner year last season, but instead was walloped out of the gate by Oklahoma on ESPN and never recovered. Tech finished 5-6. The Red Raiders will have to tune their defense if they're to become as popular in Lubbock as the national champion Lady Raiders basketball team. Offensively, Tech could be quite good; only two starting linemen depart from an offense that averaged 423 yards and was ranked 17th in the nation.

TCU had several problems in spring drills. Freshman sensation QB Max Knake was disappointing in the practices, but is still slated as the No. 1 choice. Tight end Greg Harris suffered a neck injury and will miss the entire season. TCU now has only one tight end—Brian Collins—who



**Mike Adams, Texas**

PHOTO: JOHN WILLIAMSON



**Sam Adams, Texas A&M**

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**J.J. Joe, Baylor**

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has played college ball. Incoming freshman Ryan Tucker, a high school All-America could be of immediate help at this position.

SMU is down on offense this year, which isn't the place to be down on a run-and-shoot-oriented team. QBs Ramon

Flanigan and Mark Eldred can air the ball out, and wide receiver Brian Berry is a game-breaker. Will they be running for their lives? SMU lost four of its five starting offensive linemen and seven of the 10 expected to play haven't seen college action.

## ON THE HOT SEAT

### 1. Texas QB Shea Morenz

*Morenz has been pressured by Coach John Mackovic to concentrate on football and drop baseball. He hasn't. Texas signed two hot-shot freshman quarterbacks who'll play only football. Hmmmmmmmm.*

### 2. The private schools

*Texas (Big Ten or Pac-10) and Texas A&M (SEC) likely will leave the SWC by 1994 barring a miracle—and likely will take Texas Tech (Pac-10) and Houston (SEC) with them. The private schools must gussie themselves up and look attractive for a merger of what's left of the Big Eight after Colorado and Missouri defect.*

## ALL-SWC

**First-team offense:** QB Bert Emanuel, Rice; RB Greg Hill, Texas A&M; RB Robert Strait, Baylor; WR Lloyd Hill, Texas Tech; WR Lovell Pinkney, Texas; TE Greg Schorp, Texas A&M; T Darrell Clapp, Houston; T Dexter Wesley, Texas A&M; G David Leaks, Baylor; G Bingo Mancillas, Texas Tech; C Chris Dausin, Texas A&M; PK Terry Venetoulis, Texas A&M; KR Derrick Cullors, TCU.

**First-team defense:** DE Chad Patton, SMU; DE Sam Adams, Texas A&M; DT Steve Strahan, Baylor; DT Lance Teichelman, Texas A&M; LB Jason Atkinson, Texas A&M; LB Ryan McCoy, Houston; LB Winfred Tubbs, Texas; CB Aaron Glenn, Texas A&M; CB Sean Washington, Rice; S Nathan Bennett, Rice; S Chris Lewis, Baylor; P Kevin Cordesman, TCU.

**Second-team offense:** QB Jimmy Klingler, Houston; RB Byron "Bam" Morris, Texas Tech; RB Rodney Thomas, Texas A&M; WR Mike Adams, Texas; WR Sherman Smith, Houston; TE Clemente Torres, Rice; T Kenny Robbins, Houston; T Chris Cooley, Rice; G Tyler Harrison, Texas A&M; G Dan Neil, Texas; C Tom Hetherington, Rice; PK Scott Szeredy, Texas; KR Brandell Jackson, Baylor.

**Second-team defense:** DE Eric England, Texas A&M; DE Allen Aldridge, Houston; DT Stephen Gaines, Texas Tech; DT Scotty Lewis, Baylor; LB Lenoy Jones, TCU; LB Steve Solari, Texas A&M; LB Jessie Cox, Texas A&M; CB Joey Ellis, Texas; CB John W. Brown, Houston; S Van Malone, Texas; S Greg Evans, TCU; P Sean Terry, Texas A&M.

## 1. TEXAS A&M

**Offense:** All but two starters are back, and only two reserves were lost from last year. Look for both Greg Hill and Rodney Thomas to flirt with All-America status. Another year of seasoning could make sophomore quarterback Corey Pullig the SWC's premier man-under. A&M will need to improve on a 47.1 percent passing completion average, and 157.8 passing yards per game—the worst in the league last year.

**Defense:** Three starters are back on the line. All-SWC defensive back Aaron Glenn (a Jim Thorpe Award candidate) impressed last year as a JC transfer. The Aggs have steady Jason Atkinson once again as an inside linebacker. Also expected to keep up the tag of New Linebacker U are Larry Jackson and Jessie Cox, who made 17 tackles against Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl.

**Special Teams:** A strength yet again this year, led by kicker Terry Venetoulis. A&M seems to take pride in its special teams; Venetoulis and punter David Davis were All-SWC last year. One question will be if Shawn Terry, a high school All-America, can adequately replace Davis. Aaron Glenn should handle the punt return chores.

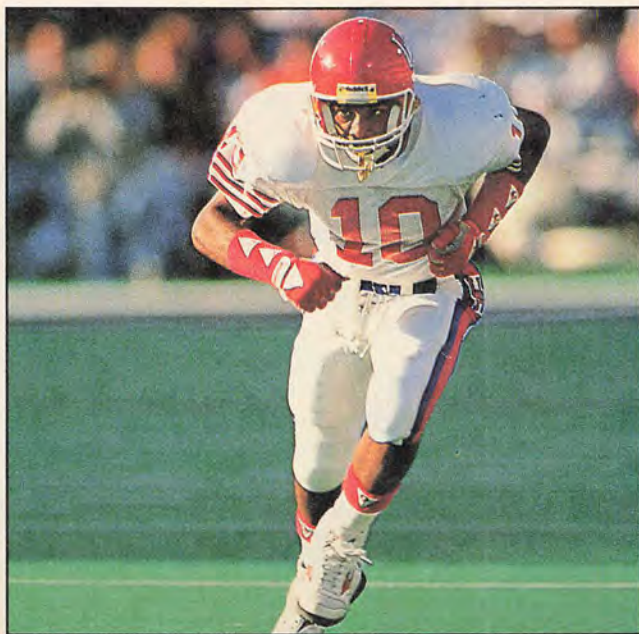
**Environment:** Up to four players, including Hill, likely will miss the first two games after an in-house investigation revealed they were paid by an alumnus for allegedly working in Dallas when they were in College Station. However, optimism and expectations are high; 19 starters return from last year's 12-1 squad, which included an 8-0 mark in conference for the second year in a row.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Aggies schedule looked great when it was



Corey Pullig, Texas A&M

PHOTO: GLENN JAMES



Ron Peters, Houston

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## TEXAS A&M

**LOCATION:** College Station, Texas.

**STADIUM:** Kyle Field (72,387).

**COACH:** R.C. Slocum (39-10-1 overall/and at A&M).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 12-1 (lost to Notre Dame, 28-3, in the Cotton Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 46.

### PROJECTED STARTERS:

**Offense**—Tony Harrison, SE, 5-10, 191, Sr.; Dexter Wesley, LT, 6-4, 289, Sr.; Tyler Harrison, LG, 6-4, 267, Sr.; Chris Dausin, C, 6-5, 268, Sr.; John Richard, RG, 6-4, 275, Jr.; Jason Mathews, RT, 6-7, 265, Sr.; Greg Schorp, TE, 6-3, 236, Sr.; Ryan Mathews, WR, 5-11, 188, Jr.; Cliff Groce, FB, 5-11, 242, Jr.; Greg Hill, TB, 5-11, 205, Jr.; Corey Pullig, QB, 6-3, 199, So.; Terry Venetoulis, PK, 6-0, 206, Sr.; Billy Mitchell, KR, 5-11, 186, Jr.

**Defense**—Sam Adams, LE, 6-4, 269, Jr.; Lance Teichelman, NG, 6-5, 274, Sr.; Eric England, RE, 6-3, 263, Sr.; Antonio Shorter, OLB, 6-2, 215, Jr.; Steve Solari, OLB, 6-1, 229, Sr.; Jason Atkinson, ILB, 6-4, 230, Sr.; Jessie Cox, ILB, 6-2, 222, Jr.; Aaron Glenn, CB, 5-10, 182, Sr.; Ray Mickens, CB, 5-8, 172, So.; Mike Hendricks, S, 6-0, 180, Jr.; Junior White, S, 6-1, 169, Jr.; Sean Terry, P, 6-1, 212, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Corey Pullig, QB; Greg Hill, TB; Aaron Glenn, CB; Sam Adams, DE; Steve Solari, LB; Rodney Thomas, RB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Leland McElroy, RB; Donovan Greer, CB; Danny McCray, WR; Kevin Beirne, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Patrick Bates, SS; Marcus Buckley, OLB; Derrick Frazier, CB; John Elisor, OL; David Davis, P; and Doug Carter, FB.

inked five years ago, but Louisville, Oklahoma and LSU have fallen in quality. Look for how A&M delivers against LSU Sept. 4 and Oklahoma Sept. 11 as an indicator for the rest of the season. As always, the Nov. 25 game with Texas will be a grudge match.

**Outlook:** A third undefeated season in the SWC. This team has it all, if it can overcome the mental sting of a bad showing on national TV in the second half of the Cotton Bowl against Notre Dame.

**Petersen Predicts:** 11-0.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 2. BAYLOR

**Offense:** The Bears veer offense should feature an excellent running game with QB J.J. Joe, fullback Robert Strait and tailback Brandell Jackson. The veer needs a passing game to keep opponents guessing, but the wide receiver position is thin. Newcomers Ben Brunson (JC transfer) and Pearce Pegross (from high school) will have to catch on quickly. It helps that seven offensive starters return.

**Defense:** Defensive tackle Steve Strahan and defensive end Scotty Lewis should have productive years, but Baylor lost all three starting linebackers from last season and needs to shore up the position with LaCurtis Jones, Chris Dull and Shelton Lewis. There's a question of experience in the defensive backfield.

**Special Teams:** Up in the air, since the first-year coaching staff has conceded it'll concentrate on this aspect of the team in the fall. The Bears weren't even sure who'd be their kicker after spring drills.

**Environment:** This is the first time since



Shea Morenz, Texas

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## BAYLOR

**LOCATION:** Waco, Texas.

**STADIUM:** Floyd Casey Stadium (48,500).

**COACH:** Chuck Reedy (first year at Baylor).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-5 (defeated Arizona, 20-15, in John Hancock Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 36.

### PROJECTED STARTERS:

**Offense**—Donnie Lawrence, TE, 6-4, 224, So.; Craig Bellamy, LT, 6-3, 266, Sr.; Will Davidson, LG, 6-4, 274, Jr.; Chuck Pope, C, 6-1, 287, Sr.; David Leaks, RG, 6-4, 310, Sr.; Fred Miller, RT, 6-7, 265, So.; Chris McCloud, WR, 6-1, 185, Jr.; Marvin Callies, WR, 6-0, 200, Sr.; Robert Strait, FB, 6-1, 255, Sr.; Brandell Jackson, TB, 5-11, 208, So.; J.J. Joe, QB, 5-11, 179, Sr.; Mike Chilton, PK, 6-1, 180, So.; Brandell Jackson, KR.

**Defense**—Scotty Lewis, LE, 6-4, 250, Jr.; Charles Horton, LT, 6-3, 280, So.; Steve Strahan, RT, 6-2, 294, Jr.; Daryl Gardener, RE, 6-7, 262, So.; Shelton Lewis, SLB, 6-3, 204, So.; Chris Dull, MLB, 6-3, 233, Jr.; LaCurtis Jones, WLB, 6-1, 200, So.; Andrew Swasey, SS, 6-0, 190, Sr.; Chris Lewis, FS, 6-3, 187, Jr.; Kendrick Bell, CB, 5-9, 160, Jr.; Raynor Finley, CB, 5-9, 171, So.; Rhett Delaney, P, 5-10, 185, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Robert Strait, FB; J.J. Joe, QB; Brandell Jackson, KR; Charles Horton, LT; Steve Strahan, RT.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Damon Rhymes, TE; Ben Bronson, WR; Robert Mason, LB; Joe Manor, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** David Mims, TB; Albert Fontenot, DE; Mike McFarland, SS.

the Nixon Administration that Grant Teaff isn't the head coach. First-year coach Chuck Reedy brought a lot of optimism with him by signing what could be the Bears' best recruiting class ever. Former Arkansas coach Jack Crowe will serve as offensive coordinator, bringing much-needed experience with him.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Bears will be tested on the road against Colorado and Georgia Tech, teams Baylor defeated in the last two years. However, the key game for their possible SWC championship run is Sept. 25 when Baylor meets Texas Tech. The winner is still in the conference chase, and the loser gets an early wakeup call.

**Outlook:** The future is bright. However, the need for the immediate development of some youngsters at key positions likely will prevent Baylor from beating A&M this year for a Cotton Bowl berth.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 3. TEXAS

**Offense:** If Texas finds a quarterback, then the Longhorns will go a long way. Freshman Shea Morenz was expected to break all of Bobby Layne's old passing records. However, Morenz lost last year after breaking an ankle while attending a fraternity party. Unheralded junior Chad Lucas starts fall practices as the co-QB. Two highly recruited QBs enter school this fall—James Brown and John Dutton. There



## TEXAS

**LOCATION:** Austin, Texas.

**STADIUM:** Memorial Stadium (77,809).

**COACH:** John Mackovic (80-75-1 overall/6-5 at Texas).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-5.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 36.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Jimmy Hakes, TE, 6-4, 228, Jr.; Blake Brockermeyer, RT, 6-6, 280, So.; Dan Neil, RG, 6-3, 273, Fr.; Trent Elliott, C, 6-3, 274, Jr.; John Elmore, LG, 6-5, 271, So.; Troy Reimer, LT, 6-6, 284, Sr.; Mike Adams, WR/KR, 6-0, 180, So.; Lovell Pinkney, WR, 6-5, 232, So.; Curtis Jackson, RB, 5-11, 193, So.; Phil Brown, FB, 5-11, 210, Sr.; Chad Lucas, QB, 6-2, 231, Jr.; Scott Szeredy, PK, 6-2, 226, Sr.

**Defense**—Brian Vasek, RE, 6-5, 242, So.; Stonie Clark, RT, 6-0, 310, So.; Thomas Baskin, LT, 6-4, 272, Jr.; Norman Watkins, LE, 6-3, 213, Jr.; Robert Reed, OLB, 6-2, 220, So.; Winfred Tubbs, MLB, 6-5, 250, Sr.; Kevin Watler, OLB, 6-3, 225, Sr.; Joey Ellis, CB, 5-9, 186, Jr.; Vic Frazier, CB, 6-0, 175, Jr.; Van Malone, SS, 6-1, 191, Sr.; Brian Howard, FS, 6-0, 188, So.; Duane Vacek, P, 6-3, 250, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Mike Adams, WR/KR; Lovell Pinkney, WR; Stonie Clark, DT; Winfred Tubbs, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Shea Morenz, QB; Dan Neil, G; James Brown, QB; John Dutton, QB; Matt Davis, WR; Tre Thomas, DB; Bryant Westbrook, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Peter Gardere, QB; Anthony Curl, LB; Grady Cavness, DB; Lance Gunn, DB; Willie Mack Garza, DB; Alan Luther, OL.

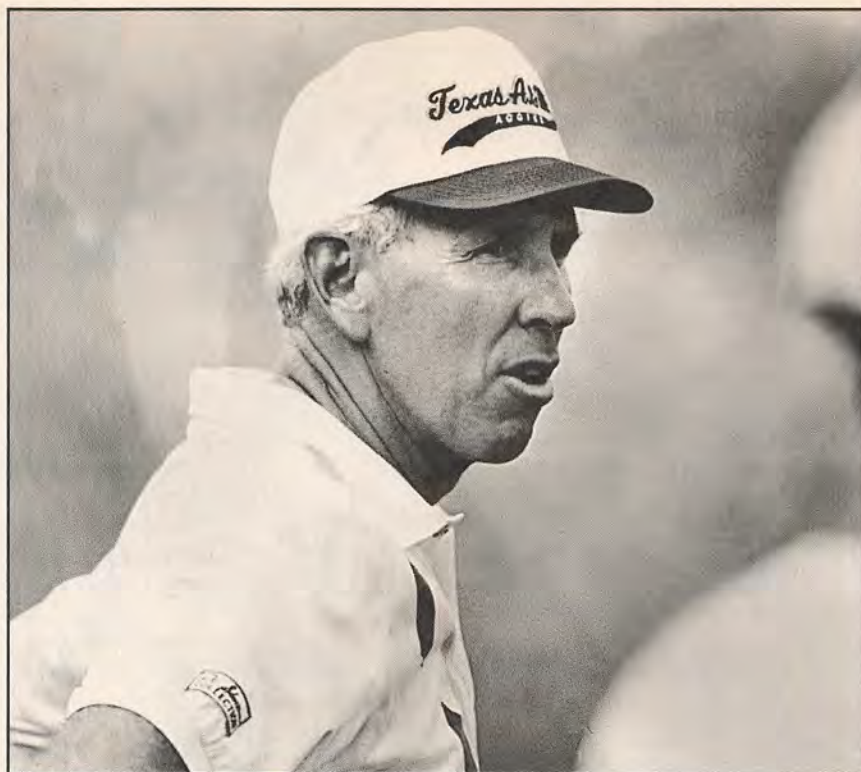
are only six offensive linemen coaches are counting on for the fall, and they'll be adequate if there are no injuries. Several players could surprise at running back.

**Defense:** Middle linebacker Winfred Tubbs is an All-America candidate, but didn't work out this spring after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery. The defensive tackles were expected to be a weakness, but with Thomas Baskin moved from tight end to tackle, it looks as if part of that problem is solved. An anticipated problem with the secondary is diminished because cornerbacks Tajé Allen and Robert Crenshaw are developing. True freshmen may have a shot at playing here in the fall.

**Special Teams:** Place-kicker Scott Szeredy is an All-America candidate. He led the Longhorns in scoring with 80 points, hit two SWC-best 52-yard field goals last year and was All-SWC. Texas doesn't currently have a punter on its roster because steady Kelly McClanahan and backup Peter Gardere both graduated. Michael Adams should be the return man again this year. He ranked No. 23 nationally last year in kickoff returns (23.9 yards) and 26th in punt returns (11.0).

**Environment:** Players have another year working in John Mackovic's sophisticated passing offense, and that should make a whale of a difference this season. The Longhorn defense gave up an average of 428.3 yards during the first seven games last year, but jelled to allow only 274 in the last four games. That has helped fuel optimism on both sides of the ball.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Longhorns open the season with tough opponents—at Colorado Sept. 4 and host-



**Head Coach R.C. Slocum, Texas A&M**

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ing Syracuse Sept. 18. If they win both games, Texas could coast in the SWC until showdowns Nov. 20 with Baylor and Nov. 25 (the traditional bloodletting with Texas A&M on Thanksgiving Day).

**Outlook:** If the person who wins the

quarterback position performs well, so will the Longhorns. Almost every aspect of UT's squad has shown improvement under Mackovic, and if the trend continues the Horns won't be far behind the Aggies.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

## RICE

**LOCATION:** Houston, Texas.

**STADIUM:** Rice Stadium (70,000).

**COACH:** Fred Goldsmith (19-33-1 overall/17-26-1 at Rice).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-5.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Herschel Crowe, SE, 6-2, 185, Sr.; Chris Cooley, LT, 6-5, 285, So.; Mike Ecklund, LG, 6-3, 270, Jr.; Tom Hetherington, C, 6-3, 280, Sr.; Brendon Fitzgerald, RG, 6-4, 280, Jr.; Jimmy Golden, RT, 6-4, 275, Sr.; Clemente Torres, TE, 6-4, 235, Jr.; Bert Emanuel, QB, 6-0, 190, Sr.; Yoncy Edmonds, TB, 5-8, 185, So.; Jimmy Lee, WB, 5-9, 175, Jr.; Ed Howard, WR, 6-4, 195, Jr.; Darrell Richardson, PK, 5-9, 165, Jr.; Kris Armstrong, KR, 5-8, 165, Fr.

**Defense**—Brynton Goynes, RE, 6-4, 245, Jr.; Michael Shirk, NG, 6-5, 245, Jr.; Corey Seymour, DT, 6-3, 255, Sr.; Deric Rutherford, DE, 6-2, 225, Jr.; Emmett Waldron, MLB, 6-2, 220, Jr.; Jeffrey Mercer, OLB, 6-1, 220, So.; Larry Izzo, OLB, 6-0, 195, So.; Sean Washington, LCB, 5-11, 180, Sr.; Dana Hogan, RCB, 5-11, 170, Jr.; Jeff Sowell, S, 5-11, 180, So.; Nathan Bennett, S, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Richardson, P.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Bert Emanuel, QB; Clemente Torres, TE; Ed Howard, WR; Corey Seymour, DT; Sean Washington, CB; Nathan Bennett, S.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Ndukwe Kahlu, LB; Johnny Golden, DE; Mike Jones, LB; Adam Zylman, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Trevor Cobb, RB; Mike Appelbaum, OL; Donald Allen, PR; Matt Sign, NG.

## 4. RICE

**Offense:** Quarterback Bert Emanuel, believed to be the fastest in the nation on any level, should help the Owl faithful forget that All-America running back Trevor Cobb graduated. Emanuel was often the Owls' savior last year, ranking fourth nationally in passing percentage and 29th in total offense. He's complemented by an exciting corps of receivers in Jimmy Lee, Herschel Crowe, Ed Howard and Emerson Allen.

**Defense:** The secondary is a strength with starters Sean Washington, Nathan Bennett and Jeff Sowell returning. The Owls are finally getting the beefy, but quick linemen that teams need in order to be successful at the major-college level. Corey Seymour, Deric Rutherford and Brynton Goynes could be big-time players. If coach Fred Goldsmith, *Sports Illustrated's* 1992 National Coach of the Year and a former defensive coordinator, can solidify what has been a poor defense in the past, look for the Owls to win seven or even eight games.

**Special Teams:** Led by kicker/punter Darrell Richardson, who's also a pitcher for the Owls baseball team. His 34 PATs last season were a school record, and he made 8-of-11 field goals. Richardson also punted for a 37.6 average. The lack of a proficient deep snapper for punts was a concern in spring drills. Redshirt freshman Kris Armstrong is the early favorite to return



## HOUSTON

**LOCATION:** Houston, Texas.

**STADIUM:** Astrodome (60,000).

**COACH:** Kim Helton (first year as head coach).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-7.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 44.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Ron Peters, OR, 6-2, 195, Jr.; Keith Jack, OR, 6-0, 180, Sr.; Sherman Smith, IR, 5-8, 175, Sr.; Donald Moffett, IR, 5-9, 181, Sr.; Jim Herndon, LT, 6-8, 295, So.; Kenny Robbins, LG, 6-6, 295, Jr.; Jack Hansen, C, 6-2, 275, Jr.; Darrell Clapp, RG, 6-5, 305, Sr.; Billy Milner, RT, 6-8, 295, Jr.; Jimmy Klingler, QB, 6-4, 210, Jr.; Lamar Smith, SB, 5-11, 222, Sr.; Trace Craft, PK, 6-1, 181, Jr.; Lawrence McPherson, KR, 6-0, 200, So.

**Defense**—Allen Aldridge, LE, 6-2, 240, Sr.; Eric Harrison, LT, 6-2, 265, Jr.; Stephen Dixon, RT, 6-0, 260, Sr.; Nahala Johnson, RE, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Delithro Bell, WLB, 6-1, 230, So.; Ryan McCoy, MLB, 6-3, 240, Sr.; Chris Jones, SLB, 6-4, 235, Jr.; John W. Brown, RCB, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Jerome Williams, FS, 6-2, 200, So.; Donald Douglas, SS, 6-4, 210, Sr.; John Brown, CB, 6-4, 190, Jr.; Cody Avants, P, 6-1, 185, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Lamar Smith, SB; Ryan McCoy, MLB; Jimmy Klingler, QB; Keith Jack, OR; Sherman Smith, IR.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Otis Grant, DE; Chris Jones, LB; Billy Milner, OL; Collin Scrivener, DE; Alfred Young, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Freddie Gilbert, WR; Nigel Ventress, LB; Eric Blount, LB; John Morris, OL; Jason Youngblood, OL.

kicks.

**Environment:** There's a lot of hope at Rice (the smallest Division I-A school in terms of enrollment) that the Owls can play David and smite a few Goliaths this year. The Owls' last three recruiting classes were probably the best back-to-back-to-back classes ever at Rice, and some of those players could come into their own this year.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Rice gets Ohio State right out of the box Sept. 4. Their next big test will be Oct. 2 at Texas, a team that has beaten Rice 27 straight times. The Owls then have A&M at home Oct. 23, and a good performance likely will influence postseason possibilities.

**Outlook:** Good. With 12 returning starters and six home games, Rice should get cooking this year. If there are no major injuries, then the Owls should sport their second winning season in a row and flirt with a minor bowl.

**Petersen Predicts:** 7-4.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 5. HOUSTON

**Offense:** The run-and-shoot could score so many points and rip up so many yards, it's scary. Jimmy Klingler was among the five top-rated passers in the country last year and led the nation in total offense (3,818 yards and 32 TDs)—and that was while splitting time with Donald Douglas. Houston had the top-rated offense last year in the NCAA, in terms of stats. Inside receiver Sherman Smith led the nation with 103 catches and could do the same again this year.

**Defense:** The 4-3 could give away so many points and allow so many yards, it's scary. Linebacker Ryan McCoy is among the best in the nation. Houston gave up a school-record 386 points last year, but was

not aided by a mind-boggling 46 turnovers. Douglas reluctantly switched to free safety, after it became apparent that Klingler was the QB. JC transfer Colin Scrivener had 18 sacks last year.

**Special Teams:** Place-kicker Trace Craft performed adequately last year, but was hurt by several bad snaps that didn't show up in the stats. Cody Avants was productive, and since he was a true freshman should have three excellent years ahead of him.

**Environment:** The furor surrounding former coach John Jenkins is slowly ebbing. With his dismissal, the Houston program is moving forward, and administrators have vowed to keep constant vigil on and off the field. New coach Kim Helton will stress defense and probably utilize a simple no-gimmick offense predicated on a strong passing game.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** If Houston defeats USC to start the season, it could mean the Coogs are for real.

However, Houston can't get beaten up Sept. 25 at Michigan because its two most important games follow a trip to Ann Arbor—Baylor in the Astrodome Oct. 2 and at Texas A&M Oct. 9. A win against either Baylor or A&M keeps Houston's championship hopes alive.

**Outlook:** Color the Coogs the dark horse; they have NFL-sized linemen on both sides of the ball. If they overcome the turnover bugaboo and get some early wins over quality opponents, then watch out!

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-6.

**Bowl:** no.

## 6. TEXAS TECH

**Offense:** Quarterback Robert Hall will lead an offense that includes RB Byron

### TEXAS TECH

**LOCATION:** Lubbock, Texas.

**STADIUM:** Jones Stadium (50,500).

**COACH:** Spyke Dykes (124-71-2 overall/35-32-1 at Texas Tech).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Scott Aylor, TE, 6-4, 235, Jr.; Stacey Petrich, LT, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Bingo Mancillas, LG, 6-2, 275, Sr.; Brad Elam, C, 6-3, 279, Sr.; Peter Allen, RG, 6-2, 277, Sr.; Ronnie Seals, RT, 6-4, 274, Sr.; Lloyd Hill, SE, 6-2, 187, Sr.; Derrell Mitchell, FL, 5-9, 185, Sr.; Robert Hall, QB, 6-1, 170, Sr.; Byron Morris, IB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Bruce Hill, FB, 6-1, 221, Sr.; Jon Davis, PK, 5-11, 198, Jr.; Matt DuBuc, KR, 5-8, 163, Fr.

**Defense**—Damon Wickware, LE, 6-3, 249, Jr.; Stephen Gaines, DT, 6-3, 300, Jr.; Chris Ori, NT, 6-1, 260, Jr.; Shawn Jackson, DE, 6-4, 260, Sr.; Anthony Armour, SLB, 6-0, 190, So.; Zach Thomas, MLB, 6-0, 220, So.; Shawn Banks, WLB, 6-2, 216, So.; Dee Foster, ROV, 6-3, 205, Jr.; Anthony Wiley, LCB, 5-11, 177, Sr.; Donny Brooks, RCB, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Bart Thomas, FS, 6-2, 189, Jr.; Robert King, P, 6-4, 187, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Lloyd Hill, SE; Byron Morris, IB; Derrell Mitchell, FL; Bruce Hill, FB; Shawn Jackson, DE; Shawn Banks, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Tyrone Brooks, NG; Cat Adams, CB; Bo Adams, WR; Sean Johnson, DE; Jabbar Thomas, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Tracy Saul, FS; Charlie Biggus, OT; Mike Liscio, LB; Stance Labaj, RG.

"Bam" Morris and All-America WR "Lightning" Lloyd Hill—the SWC's only run-pass receiving duo to gain more than 1,200 yards each. Expect more of the same this year. Hall has 5,014 passing yards and should rank in the Top 5 of the SWC career list before he graduates. Receiver Derrell "Mookie" Mitchell is underrated because he plays with Hill.

**Defense:** There's a lot of youth on this side of the ball, but they'll have to grow up to reduce the 418 yards per game they gave up last year. Head Coach Spike Dykes is taking more of a look at the defense after former coordinator Carlos Mainord left for the Chicago Bears. The Red Raiders will look at a 4-4 defensive front that will feature a lot of Shawns—Shawn Jackson, Sean Johnson and Shawn Banks. Donny Brooks (gotta love that name) is the leader in the secondary.

**Special Teams:** Robert King will punt, after averaging 42.6 last year to be 19th nationally. King, who has a GPA of 3.89 in chemical engineering, sported punts of 77 and 75 yards last year. Marcus Coleman blocked three kicks last year and should excel on special teams. Jon Davis replaced Lin Elliott (now with the Dallas Cowboys) last year and made 13-of-18 FGs.

**Environment:** There are 28 seniors this year, giving the Raiders cause for optimism. The seniors also will have to be a steadying force if the Raiders lose early. As many Lubbock supporters have a tendency to say, "Here we go again," if the Raiders lose early in the year.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** After a breather against Pacific Sept. 4 to start the season, the Raiders will have one of the harder schedules in the nation. They face Nebraska Sept. 11, Georgia Sept. 18 and North Carolina State Oct. 9. Sandwiched in between those games are Baylor (Sept. 25) and Texas A&M (Oct. 2).

**Outlook:** If the Raiders can avoid injuries in their early season death march, they could have quite a good record against great opponents. Unfortunately, there are always injuries in football, and Tech just doesn't appear to have the quality depth for its hard schedule.

**Petersen Predicts:** 4-7.

**Bowl:** no.

## 7. TCU

**Offense:** Sophomore quarterback Max Knake looked good last year as a true freshman. However, he struggled in spring practice, causing some concerns. TCU is strong at running back, with Derrick Cullors at tailback and John Oglesby at fullback. Still, the Horned Frogs lost three starters on the offensive line and are very thin at tight end.

**Defense:** Defensive tackle Royal West (knee injury) is on the mend and will be needed to help stop opposing rushing games. Ditto with cornerback Manvel Hopes (knee). There are seven starters returning, but the defense must shoulder the burden until the offense comes around. Lenoy Jones was a star at linebacker last year as a true freshman and will continue to be a team leader.

**Special Teams:** Kevin Cordesman should lead the league in punting, or at least come close. The place-kicker slot



## TCU

**LOCATION:** Fort Worth, Texas.

**STADIUM:** Amon Carter Stadium (46,000).

**COACH:** Pat Sullivan (2-8-1 overall/and at TCU).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 2-8-1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 46.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Brian Collins, TE, 6-4, 220, So.; Chuck Wills, LT, 6-4, 298, Jr.; Barret Robbins, LG, 6-4, 300, Jr.; Kevin Brewer, C, 6-2, 260, So.; Boyd Milby, RG, 6-3, 275, Jr.; Bart Epperson, RT, 6-3, 265, Jr.; Richard Woodley, WR, 5-9, 180, Sr.; Jimmy Oliver, FL, 5-11, 175, Jr.; Max Knake, QB, 6-1, 205, So.; Derrick Cullors, TB/KR, 6-0, 180, Jr.; John Oglesby, FB, 6-1, 220, Sr.; Kevin Cordesman, PK, 5-10, 180, Sr.

**Defense**—Vincent Pryor, RE, 6-3, 225, Jr.; Royal West, RT, 6-3, 280, Jr.; Philip Bendele, LT, 6-3, 246, So.; Chris Piland, LE, 6-4, 218, So.; Lenoy Jones, WLB, 6-2, 210, So.; Reggie Anderson, SLB, 6-2, 220, Jr.; Mike Moulton, MLB, 6-2, 225, Jr.; Rico Wesley, CB, 5-9, 175, Sr.; Manvel Hopes, CB, 5-10, 175, So.; Greg Evans, SS, 6-3, 210, Sr.; Charles McWilliams, FS, 6-0, 170, So.; Cordesman, P.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Derrick Cullors, TB; Max Knake, QB; Richard Woodley, WR; Lenoy Jones, LB; Kevin Cordesman, PK.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** John Washington, WR; Chuck Wills, OL; Brandon Hickman, OL.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Curtis Modkins, RB; Stephen Shipley, WR; Tunji Bolden, DE; Tony Rand, CB; Brad Smith, LB.

remains a question mark. The coaches didn't see the kicking game jell during spring drills, so put off final choices on special teams until the fall.

**Environment:** TCU backers were Pat Sullivan bashers last year until the Frogs beat Texas. Fans are still taking a wait-and-see attitude. However, there was hope at the end of the year because TCU played well in its last two contests—a last-second loss to Texas Tech and only down by three at the start of the fourth quarter against A&M (an eventual 37-10 loss).

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Horned Frogs start the year with Oklahoma Sept. 4 before taking breaks against New Mexico (Sept. 11), SMU (Sept. 25) and Oklahoma State (Oct. 2). If TCU wins the games it's supposed to, then look for a lot of optimism in Fort Worth.

**Outlook:** Somewhat promising if three JC linemen—Bart Epperson (6-3, 260), Brandon Hickman (6-4, 265) and Chuck Wills (6-4, 300)—give Knake the time to develop. The Frogs should be better than last year's 2-8-1 record.

**Petersen Predicts:** 4-7.

**Bowl:** no.

## 8. SMU

**Offense:** The Mustangs have only one returning starter on the offensive line, which makes this unit suspect. Either a sophomore (Mark Eldred), a redshirt freshman (Ramon Flanigan) or a true freshman (Chris James) will start at QB. However, all are quite mobile. Kevin Shepard is proven at running back, but there's no depth. Wide receiver Brian Berry is SMU's best deep threat in years.

**Defense:** Returning is Chad Patton, the Mustangs' All-SWC defensive end.

Defensive tackle Byron Bonds has a chance to be all-conference, if he plays the way SMU coaches think he can. Adam Voyles and Byron Slaughter could play well at linebacker/defensive end. SMU returns six starters on defense, which will be the team's strength.

**Special Teams:** Larry Israel is a solid punter with a good, high kick. He made some pivotal punts in games that SMU won last year. He could have lots of time to practice this year if the offense struggles as expected. Capable Mick Rossley will handle the punt-return chores.

**Environment:** The Mustangs lost 30 seniors from last year and return only seven of 22 starters. Optimism is high on the Hilltop after last season's 5-6 record, but SMU just doesn't have the athletes to keep up with the elite teams. A key will be how SMU reacts when Texas A&M, Texas and Baylor pound it into submission.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Winnable contests Sept. 11 with Wisconsin, Sept. 25 at TCU and Nov. 20 with Navy. Yet with weekends in October reserved for Baylor, Houston, Texas and Texas A&M, respectively, the Mustangs will limp home in November.

**Outlook:** Bleak, unless the offense can get going to where SMU can keep up with opponents—who will score often on the Mustangs.

**Petersen Predicts:** 2-9.

**Bowl:** no.

## SMU

**LOCATION:** Dallas, Texas.

**STADIUM:** Ownby Stadium (23,783)/Cotton Bowl (72,030).

**COACH:** Tom Rossley 6-16 overall/and at SMU).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 30.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Tony Ned, LT 6-3, 270, Jr.; Jeremy Stout, LG, 6-1, 285, Sr.; Brannon Kidd, C, 6-3, 265, So.; Keith Chiles, RG, 5-11, 300, So. or Greg Shea, RG, 6-4, 325, Sr.; Bryan Craig, RT, 6-3, 270, Jr.; James Whitmore, IR, 5-10, 160, Jr.; Mick Rossley, IR, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Mark Eldred, QB, 6-2, 190, So.; Erwin Wilburn, WR, 5-11, 170, Jr.; Brian Berry, WR, 5-11, 175, Jr.; Kevin Shepherd, SB, 5-11, 195, Jr.; John Stewart, PK, 5-11, 190, Sr.; Larry Wilson, KR, 5-11, 180, Jr.

**Defense**—Chad Patton, DE, 6-2, 255, Sr.; Adam Voyles, DE, 6-3, 245, Sr.; Byron Bonds, DT, 6-4, 285, Sr.; Byron Slaughter, ILB, 6-2, 240, Sr.; B.J. Stankovich, OLB, 6-4, 230, Jr.; Craig Swann, OLB, 5-11, 220, So.; Scott Fly, ILB, 6-3, 250, Sr.; Cornell Parker, CB, 5-11, 180, So.; Mike Artmore, CB, 5-11, 190, Jr.; Rodney Watkins, SS, 5-10, 195, So.; Richie Butler, FS, 5-11, 175, Sr.; Larry Israel, P, 6-0, 185, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Richie Butler, FS; Marcus Malonson, CB; Brian Berry, WR; Kevin Shepard, SB; Chad Patton, DE.

**TOP NEWCOMER:** Chris James, QB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Jason Wolf, WR; Bill Kiely, LB; Marcello Simmons, DB; Cary Brabham, FS.



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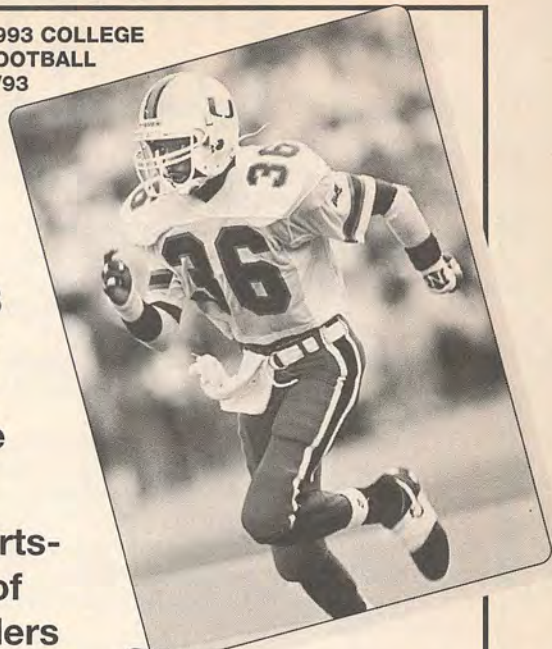
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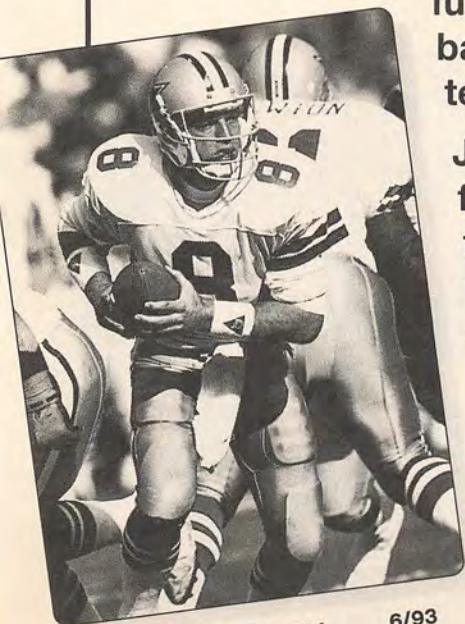
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# WESTERN ATHLETIC

make the league more than just a high-scoring curiosity. They also add quite a

**A**fter years of serving as

NCAA Division I-A's version of flag football, it would appear the wide-open, zany Western Athletic Conference has joined the establishment.

It's not as if the 10 WAC teams are playing grind-it-out football—or even that much defense—or anything, but how else do you explain a league-record five bowl participants in the 1992 season? Or an 18-16-2 non-league record?

Could the WAC be going corporate?

"I always felt the WAC was a good league," says Fresno State coach Jim Sweeney. "There is a lot of athleticism in the league."

USC will vouch for that. The Trojans—longtime members of the I-A establishment—absorbed a humiliating 24-7 loss to Fresno State last year in the Freedom Bowl. Illinois, perennially one of the Big Ten's best teams (for whatever that's worth these days), learned Hawaii was much more than a nice vacation destination when the Rainbow Warriors laid a 24-17 Holiday Bowl whipping on the Illini last December.

Pay attention, class. The WAC may not be so wacky anymore.

They still play those crazy 45-41 and 33-32 games every week in WAC-land, and the high-octane offenses still dominate the defenses, which can't catch up to the different styles of attack they face every week. Still, the addition of Fresno State, the continued success of Brigham Young and improving programs at San Diego State and Hawaii

dose of excitement to the annual championship race and subsequent Holiday Bowl berth. It's no longer a case of penciling BYU into the top spot and then haggling over the runner-up.

"I don't think there is any question that in 1993 there will be three, four and maybe even five teams that can challenge for the championship," says BYU coach LaVell Edwards.

Perhaps the biggest decision to affect the league came in January, when San Diego State all-world running back Marshall Faulk announced he'd be returning to Aztecland for his junior season. League rivals may curse his presence in the SDSU lineup, but they can't deny the value of the exposure Faulk generates for the league through TV appearances and national publicity.

As usual, the WAC isn't merely a one-man offensive show. Fresno State junior passer Trent Dilfer is a top-notch performer, and he and his bevy of talented receivers should help the Bulldogs approach last year's nation-leading 40.5 ppg. BYU just returns four starting quarterbacks, Wyoming receiver Ryan Yarborough caught 86 passes last year, and New Mexico sophomore Winslow Oliver may top his rookie debut of 1,063 yards rushing.

Edwards argues, "the WAC is still so wide-open that it makes defenses look worse than they really are. The WAC is still maintaining a high offensive profile."

The rest of the country is finding that out.

## ON THE HOT SEAT

### 1. San Diego State RB Marshall Faulk

*Opposing defenses will probably follow him into the bathroom. The league's top player; also its most watched.*

### 2. Colorado State coach Sonny Lubick

*CSU's administration may not have liked Earle Bruce's methods, but the man could coach. Lubick inherits a talented team and had better win.*

### 3. UTEP coach David Lee

*A 5-17-1 record over the last two seasons isn't causing UTEP fans to cheer. Things had better improve, or Lee's fifth season will be his last.*



Ryan Hancock, BYU

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Keith Williams, San Diego State

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David Lowery, San Diego State

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## BYU

**LOCATION:** Provo, Utah.  
**STADIUM:** Cougar (65,000).  
**COACH:** LaVell Edwards (191-67-3 overall/and at BYU).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 8-5 (lost to Kansas, 23-20, in Aloha Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 52.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Ryan Hancock, QB, 6-2, 210, Jr.; Kalin Hall, FB, 5-8, 195, Sr.; Jamal Willis, HB, 6-3, 215, Jr.; Eric Drage, WR, 6-1, 180, Sr.; Micah Matsuzaki, WR, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Terrence Saluone, TE, 6-2, 210, So.; Eli Herring, OT, 6-6, 300, Jr.; Mike Empey, OT, 6-7, 290; Evan Pilgrim, OG, 6-4, 275; Jim Edwards, OG, 6-4, 250; Ron Simmons, C, 6-4, 255, Sr.; Joe Herrick, K, 5-11, 200, Sr.

**Defense**—Randy Brock, DT, 6-6, 265, Jr.; Lenny Gomes, NG, 6-2, 265, Sr.; Greg Pitts, DT, 6-5, 275, Jr.; Travis Hall, DE, 6-6, 240, Jr.; Nathan Hall, LB, 6-4, 220, Sr.; Todd Herget, LB, 6-3, 230, Sr.; Brian Hughes, LB, 6-4, 235, Jr.; Patrick Mitchell, DB, 6-0, 160, Jr.; Vic Tarleton, DB, 5-9, 175, Sr.; Frank Christianson, DB, 6-3, 205, Sr.; Casey Mazzotta, DB, 6-0, 195, Sr.; Joe Herrick, P, 5-11, 200, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT-PLAYERS:** Ryan Hancock, QB; Jamal Willis, HB; Lenny Gomes, NG; Todd Herget, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Cory Cook, DB; Jack Damuni, DB; Mike Fuimaono Ulufale, DE; Marty Van Roosendaal, OL.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Byron Rex, TE; Shad Hansen, LB; Derwin Gray, DB; Garry Pay, C.

John Walsh, junior Tom Young or junior Steve Clements. Talented running backs Kalin Hall, Jamal Willis and Hema Heimuli all have big-play potential, as does wideout Eric Drage.

**Defense:** The Cougs led the WAC in total defense last year (360 ypg), for what that's worth, but they must replace some big-time people, including linebacker Shad Hansen and DB Derwin Gray. The defensive line is set, especially Outland candidate Lenny Gomes at nose tackle, and Todd Herget is a good one at linebacker. However, the secondary is suspect.

**Special Teams:** Trouble here. BYU must replace solid kicker David Lauder and punter Brad Hunter and his 47.9 average.

**Environment:** They're used to winning in Mormontown, and you can bet no one was happy with last year's shared WAC crown. BYU's holier-than-thou attitude may make them a few enemies, but they play exciting football at the foot of the Wasatch Mountains.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Cougars face a tough schedule, but it could be worse. Several of their difficult games are at home. BYU gets a chance to avenge last year's loss to Hawaii on its home turf Sept. 11. Last year's 42-16 loss to Notre Dame was embarrassing, and the Cougars need a better showing Oct. 16 to help the WAC's national profile. The Oct. 23 Fresno State game should be for the league title.

**Outlook:** The Cougars return enough offensive firepower to stock two or three teams, and that alone makes them the WAC favorite. If the defense comes around, BYU could waltz away from the pack.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 2. FRESNO STATE

**Offense:** The Bulldogs proved they belonged in the WAC in their inaugural sea-

## FRESNO STATE

**LOCATION:** Fresno, Calif.  
**STADIUM:** Bulldog (41,031).  
**COACH:** Jim Sweeney (181-126-3 overall/and at Fresno State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-4 (beat USC, 24-7, in Freedom Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 46.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Trent Dilfer, QB, 6-5, 225, Jr.; Jamie Christian, FB, 6-0, 218, Jr.; Ron Rivers, TB, 5-9, 190, Sr.; Malcolm Seabron, WR, 6-0, 180, Sr.; David Dunn, WR, 6-3, 210, Jr.; Tydus Winans, WR, 5-11, 180, Sr.; Ron Collins, OT, 6-5, 295, Sr.; Kenny Hall, OT, 6-5, 310, Sr.; Josh Coldiron, OG, 6-3, 270, Sr.; Rus Hartmann, OG, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Jason James, C, 6-5, 305, Jr.; Derek Mahoney, P/PK, 5-11, 170, Sr.

**Defense**—Darryl Thomas, DE, 6-3, 270, Jr.; Brad Bell, DE, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Demetrius Edwards, NG, 6-3, 285, Jr.; Gene Smith, LB, 6-4, 220, So.; Ron Morrisette, LB, 6-3, 240, Fr.; Chris Peters, LB, 6-1, 223, Sr.; Steve Casner, 6-3, 230, So.; Sam Watson, DB, 5-11, 190, Sr.; Johnny Johnson, DB, 6-2, 195, Sr.; James Burton, DB, 5-9, 180, Sr.; Darcy Cook, DB, 5-11, 175, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Trent Dilfer, QB; Malcolm Seabron, WR; Kenny Hall, OT; Darryl Thomas, DE; Chris Peters, LB; Sam Watson, DB; James Burton, DB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** David Dunn, WR; Darryl Thomas, DE; Ron Morrisette, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Lorenzo Neal, FB; Jesse Hardwick, OT; Zack Rix, NG; Earl Oliver, DE.

son by leading the league in total offense (482.6 ypg, 2nd nationally) and scoring (40.5 ppg, 1st nationally). It could be even better this year. Junior Trent Dilfer returns at quarterback and may be one of the nation's best. He'll throw to the nation's top fleet of receivers, including senior Malcolm Seabron and speedy JC import David Dunn. All senior Ron Rivers did last year was rush for 903 yards, and the offensive line should be solid again, thanks to talented tackles Ron Collins and Kenny Hall and guards Rus Hartmann and Josh Coldiron.

**Defense:** Here's where the problems start. Fresno gave up 426.4 ypg and 28.4 ppg last year, and the Bulldogs lost their entire line and need help at one outside linebacker spot. Senior Chris Peters and junior Shawn Murray are set inside, provided they return from '92 injuries. Sam Watson and James Burton lead a good secondary.

**Special Teams:** Senior Derek Mahoney returns to handle the punting and kicking chores, and Dunn will electrify WAC fans with his return talents.

**Environment:** The Bulldogs proved their years of Big West success weren't flukes by tying for the WAC title in their first season of competition. Things will only get better.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** An easy non-conference slate helps the Dawgs ease into the WAC wars. First there's Oct. 23 at Brigham Young. (The Oct. 23 game at BYU should be played in late November for all the marbles.) The Nov. 13 game with Hawaii is big; last year's 47-45 loss still stings. In the Nov. 20 game with San Diego State both teams could break 100.

**Outlook:** There's no doubt Fresno State

## ALL-WAC

**First-team offense:** QB Trent Dilfer, Fresno State; RB Marshall Faulk, San Diego State; RB Jamal Willis, BYU; WR Ryan Yarbrough, Wyoming; WR Darnay Scott, San Diego State; TE Mike Jones, Wyoming; T Mike Empey, BYU; T Ron Collins, Fresno State; G Pat Meyer, Colorado State; G Jim Ramsey, Air Force; C Bob Cox, Colorado State; K Marshall Young, UTEP; KR Prentice Rhone, Wyoming.

**First-team defense:** DE Luther Elliss, Utah; DE Ty Williams, Wyoming; DT Lenny Gomes, BYU; DT Randy Brock, BYU; LB Barron Wortham, UTEP; LB Todd Herget, BYU; LB Brian Schneider, Colorado State; CB Andre Strode, Colorado State; CB James Burton, Fresno State; S Greg Myers, Colorado State; S Sam Watson, Fresno State; P Derek Mahoney, Fresno State.

**Second-team offense:** QB Ryan Hancock, BYU; RB Leonice Brown, Colorado State; RB Winslow Oliver, New Mexico; WR Eric Drage, BYU; WR Malcolm Seabron, Fresno State; TE Jerome Williams, New Mexico; OT Kenny Hall, Fresno State; T Travis Fonseca, Hawaii; G Pete Pale, Hawaii; G Evan Pilgrim, BYU; C Erik Mitchell, Air Force; K Derek Mahoney, Fresno State; KR David Dunn, Fresno State.

**Second-team defense:** DE Jamal Duff, San Diego State; DE Pookie Floyd, UTEP; DT Taase Faumui, Hawaii; DT La'Roi Glover, San Diego State; LB Tuli Mateialona, New Mexico; LB Cory Talich, Wyoming; LB Stewart Williams, Hawaii; CB Prentice Rhone, Wyoming; CB Kareem Leary, Utah; S Darrell Lewis, San Diego State; S Patrick Mitchell, BYU; P Mike Nesbitt, New Mexico.



made the right move upgrading to the WAC, and if the Bulldogs can boost their defense, they'll challenge for this year's title. The Bulldogs will score a lot of points, but they'll also surrender them in bunches. Their season could hinge on how well they do on several games' last possessions.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-3.

**Bowl:** yes.

### 3. SAN DIEGO STATE

**Offense:** The Aztecs possess the league's most dangerous weapon in junior tailback Marshall Faulk (1,630 yards rushing), but now must figure out how to use him even more effectively. That means more misdirection and receiving opportunities for the all-world rusher. Senior quarterback David Lowery must find the consistency that has eluded him throughout his SDSU career, or Faulk will be ground into hamburger by defenses focusing on him. It isn't as if Lowery has no weapons. Junior Darnay Scott is a lethal deep threat, as are senior Keith Williams and soph DeAndre Maxwell. Three starters return along the line, most notably sophomore tackle Chris Finch.

**Defense:** New coordinator Del Wight must find a way to keep the Aztecs from being run over by opponents. SDSU surrendered 199 ypg last year on the ground, and Wight will change the team's 4-2-5 alignment to a conventional 4-3 set to combat that weakness. Ends Jamal Duff and Ramondo Stallings are strong up front, and the linebacking corps has been bolstered by a trio of JC additions. Free safety Darrell Lewis is a good one, but both cornerbacks must be replaced.

**Special Teams:** The Aztecs must find new people at both kicking spots, though

Jason Savorn did punt in 1991. Sophomore Ray Petersen is an excellent punt returner.

**Environment:** Marshall-mania enters its third (and probably last) season at SDSU, and the Aztecs must prove they're more than a one-man show.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** SDSU replaces Miami with Cal State-Northridge, but still must play UCLA and Minnesota in non-league games. The Aztecs moved the UCLA game to Thursday, Sept. 30 to accommodate ESPN cameras and need to pass this tough non-league test. Oct. 9 San Diego State plays at Hawaii—a trip always fraught with possible problems. The Nov. 11 game with BYU will have big bowl implications for the Aztecs.

**Outlook:** Plenty must happen for the Aztecs to mount a serious challenge for the WAC title. Lowery must be consistent, the defense must improve considerably, and Faulk has to remain healthy. If it all happens, look out. A more reasonable scenario is an erratic season with plenty of Faulk-induced hysteria.

**Petersen Predicts:** 8-4.

**Bowl:** yes.

### 4. HAWAII

**Offense:** The Rainbow Warriors were second nationally running the ball last season (293.3 ypg) and return four offensive linemen responsible for opening the holes, most notably guard Pete Pale. Hawaii must find a replacement for halfback Travis Sims and his 1,498 yards rushing. Senior quarterback Michael Carter ran Coach Bob Wagner's spread offense with aplomb, but he must improve if the Rainbow Warriors hope to repeat as WAC champs. Junior wideout Johann Bouit and senior slotback Brian Gordon are potent weapons.

**Defense:** There's big trouble along the defensive front, where only senior tackle Taase Fammui returns. Al Alipule is a strong outside linebacker, and the sec-

### HAWAII

**LOCATION:** Honolulu, Hawaii.

**STADIUM:** Aloha (50,000).

**COACH:** Bob Wagner (45-27-2 overall/and at Hawaii).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 11-2 (defeated Illinois, 27-17, in Holiday Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 45.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Michael Carter, QB, 5-10, 210, Sr.; Brian Gordon, SB, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Ivin Jasper, SB, 6-1, 195, Sr.; Calvin Melvin, RB, 5-9, 190, Jr.; Johann Bouit, WR, 5-10, 175; Cy Hirota, WR, 6-1, 190, Sr.; Travis Fonseca, OT, 6-3, 275; Kelly McGill, OT, 6-1, 250, Jr.; Peter Pale, OG, 6-3, 286; Kendall Goo, OG, 6-7, 280, Jr.; Lene Amosa, C, 6-0, 280, Sr.; Carlton Oswalt, K, 5-11, 180, Fr.

**Defense**—Nalei Cox, NG, 6-1, 250, Jr.; Taase Fammui, DT, 6-4, 270, Sr.; David Tuifua, DT, 6-1, 270, Jr.; Faamita Lili, ILB, 6-1, 240, Sr.; Junior Faavae, ILB, 5-11, 210, Jr.; Al Alipule, OLB, 6-3, 245, Sr.; Stewart Williams, OLB, 5-11, 224, Sr.; Demetrius Henderson, DB, 5-9, 165, So.; Zac Odom, DB, 5-9, 170, Jr.; Darryl Green, DB, 5-11, 180, Sr.; Robert Blakeney, DB, 6-1, 200, So.; Steve Wilson, P, 6-2, 185, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Michael Carter, QB; Brian Gordon, SB; Taase Fammui, DT; Al Alipule, OLB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Lindsey Yowell, DB; Tupu Alualu, RB; Brett Washington, RB; David Tuifua, DT; Dan Dougherty, DT; Steve Wilson, P; Carlton Oswalt, K.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Travis Sims, RB; Darrick Branch, WR; Doug Vaioleti, OG; Junior Tagoai, NG; Maa Tanuvasa, DT.

ondary returns three starters.

**Special Teams:** The graduation of gifted punter/kicker Jason Elam is serious trouble for Hawaii. JC import Steve Wilson should handle the punting chores, while freshmen Bach Stabile and Carlton Oswalt will battle for the kicking job.

**Environment:** Life in Hawaii has agreed with Wagner, who took his team to its first-ever Holiday Bowl. The 'Bows have one of the country's top home-field advantages; after all, who can concentrate on football in paradise?

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:**

Hawaii's non-league slate isn't too tough, and there are a remarkable eight home games. Still, the Rainbow Warriors must travel to BYU and Fresno State. The BYU Cougars plan to avenge last year's 36-32 loss on Sept. 11. In the Oct. 9 game with San Diego State, stopping Marshall Faulk (512 yards in two games) will be the key to this one. There's another grudge match against Fresno State Nov. 13—Hawaii topped the Bulldogs, 47-45 on the big island last year.

**Outlook:** A second-straight WAC title is out of the question, but the Rainbow Warriors have enough talent to play with just about anyone in the league. Don't forget those eight home games.

**Petersen Predicts:** 7-5.

**Bowl:** yes.

### 5. COLORADO STATE

**Offense:** New coach Sonny Lubick will unveil a multiple-formation attack that should be compatible with the rest of the league's wide-open assaults. For the Rams to thrive, how-

### SAN DIEGO STATE

**LOCATION:** San Diego, Calif.

**STADIUM:** Jack Murphy (60,409).

**COACH:** Al Luginbill (25-19-3 overall/and at San Diego State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-5-1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—David Lowery, QB, 6-0, 200, Sr.; Marshall Faulk, TB, 5-10, 200, Jr.; Wayne Pittman, FB, 5-11, 195, Jr.; Darnay Scott, WR, 6-3, 185, Jr.; Keith Williams, WR, 5-11, 175, Sr.; Alex Semeniuk, TE, 6-2, 250, Sr.; Chris Finch, OT, 6-6, 290, So.; Louie Zumstein, OT, 6-4, 285, Jr.; Carlson Leomiti, G, 6-3, 340, Sr.; Mark Koenig, G, 6-5, 265, Sr.; Mike Alexander, C, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Peter Holt, K, 5-10, 170, Fr.

**Defense**—Jamal Duff, DE, 6-7, 250, Jr.; Ramondo Stallings, DE, 6-7, 285, Sr.; Sebastian Glaze, DT, 6-1, 255, Sr.; La'Roi Glover, DT, 6-2, 270, So.; Shawn Smith, LB, 6-3, 235, Sr.; Mark Roberts, LB, 6-1, 230, Jr.; Mike Burns, LB, 6-2, 230, So.; Darrell Lewis, DB, 6-0, 195, Sr.; Chris Johnson, DB, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Eric Sutton, DB, 5-10, 170, Jr.; Craig Weems, DB, 5-9, 175, So.; Jason Savorn, P, 6-1, 200, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Marshall Faulk, RB; David Lowery, QB; Darnay Scott, WR; Jamal Duff, DE; Ramondo Stallings, DE; Shawn Smith, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Aaron Pruitt, LB; Dwight Chornomud, LB; Scott Blade, LB; Tyron Wright, DB; Craig Weems, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Tony Nichols, OT; Damon Pieri, DB; Andy Trakas, K.



Jamal Willis, BYU



## COLORADO STATE

**LOCATION:** Fort Collins, Colo.

**STADIUM:** Hughes (30,000).

**COACH:** Sonny Lubick (First year at Colorado State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-7.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 38.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Anthony Hill, QB, 5-11, 186, Jr.; Leonice Brown, TB, 5-11, 173, Jr.; Van Ward, RB, 5-11, 205, So.; Matt Phillips, WR, 6-1, 193, Jr.; Jeremy Burkett, WR, 6-1, 205, So.; Mark Smith, TE, 6-6, 220, Sr.; Mark Donnelly, OT, 6-2, 272, Jr.; Brandon Evans, OT, 6-3, 260, So.; Pat Meyer, OG, 6-1, 265, Jr.; Derek Yurosek, OG, 6-3, 256, Sr.; Bob Cox, C, 6-1, 278, Sr.; David Napier, K, 6-3, 180, Jr.

**Defense**—Tom Romero, DE, 6-1, 230, Sr.; Robert Marceau, DE, 6-3, 218, Sr.; Steve Norton, DT, 6-2, 260, Jr.; Lewis Capes, DT, 6-4, 276, Sr.; Brian Schneider, LB, 6-1, 213, Sr.; Sean Moran, LB, 6-3, 243, So.; Kareem Ingram, LB, 5-11, 206, Jr.; Ray Jackson, DB, 6-1, 180, So.; Greg Myers, DB, 6-2, 184, So.; Roy Williams, DB, 5-11, 192, Sr.; Andre Strode, DB, 5-8, 171, Jr.; Matt McDougal, P, 5-11, 160, Fr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Leonice Brown, RB; Anthony Hill, QB; Bob Cox, C; Brian Schneider, LB; Greg Myers, DB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Clint Colon, DE; David Napier, K.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Greg Primus, WR; John Ivlow, FB; Kevin Lynch, DE.

ever, junior passer Anthony Hill (10 TDs, 13 interceptions) must be more consistent. There are no worries at tailback, where junior Leonice Brown (1,257 yards rushing) returns, but there are questions at wide receiver, where all-time school leader Greg Primus is gone. Colorado State does boast the league's top offensive line, anchored by center Bob Cox and guard Pat Meyer.

**Defense:** Lubick coached those nasty, fly-all-over-the-place Miami units for the last four years, so you can bet he'll try to

replicate them in Fort Collins. Whether he has the talent to do so is another question. The Rams allowed 419.5 yards and 27.8 points per game last year—hardly Hurricane numbers. He has some talent, most notably in the secondary, where All-WAC sophomore safety Greg Myers (6 interceptions) leads a good, young bunch. Senior Brian Schneider is an excellent outside linebacker, and there's depth up front.

**Special Teams:** The Rams must find replacements at both punter and kicker, but have a pair of dynamite return men in sophs Greg Myers (punts) and Renard Carn (kickoffs).

**Environment:** Scandal rocked Fort Collins last season when Earle Bruce was fired for alleged inappropriate coaching methods. Lubick inherits talent, but must get the Bruce holdovers to play for him.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The first year won't be too easy for Lubick—particularly out of the WAC, where 1992 bowl teams Nebraska, Kansas and Oregon loom. Oregon christens the Lubick era and will provide a stern early test Sept. 4. Then Sept. 18 against BYU, Colorado State learns about the team's league fortunes nice and early. Oct. 9 against Fresno State, Oregon plays host to not exactly the perfect homecoming opponent.

**Outlook:** Lubick's first year should be a good one. He has enough talent—particularly on defense—to settle into the WAC's first division and might even scare a big boy or two.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-5.

**Bowl:** no.

## 6. AIR FORCE

**Offense:** The Falcon wishbone attack was still among the nation's leaders total

## AIR FORCE

**LOCATION:** Colorado Springs, Colo.

**STADIUM:** Falcon (52,000).

**COACH:** Fisher DeBerry (72-38-1 overall/and at Air Force).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-5 (lost to Mississippi, 13-0, in Liberty Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 50.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Scott Teigen, QB, 6-0, 175, Sr.; Obasi Onuoha, RB, 5-10, 175, Sr.; Wayne Young, RB, 6-0, 210, Sr.; Joe Pastorello, FB, 5-11, 192; Joe Lombardi, TE, 6-3, 230, Sr.; Alex Kleckner, WR, 5-10, 180, Sr.; Chad Mathis, OT, 6-5, 265, Sr.; Tim Dunn, OT, 6-2, 250, Sr.; Rob Peragine, OG, 6-4, 250, Sr.; Jim Ramsey, OG, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Erik Mitchell, C, 6-6, 265, Sr.; Chris MacInnis, PK/P, 5-11, 182, Sr.

**Defense**—Chris Sutton, DT, 6-4, 250, Sr.; Matt Newby, DT, 6-3, 267, Sr.; Kent Hennings, NG, 6-1, 220, Sr.; Johnny Harrison, OLB, 6-1, 215, Jr.; Saxon Yandell, OLB, 6-1, 210, Sr.; Steve Russ, ILB, 6-6, 230, Jr.; Mike Black, ILB, 6-1, 220, Sr.; Brian Watkins, DB, 5-7, 185, Jr.; Kevin Williams, DB, 5-10, 185, Jr.; Tom Scheel, DB, 5-10, 186, Sr.; LeRon Hudgins, DB, 6-1, 195, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Scott Teigen, QB; Obasi Onuoha, RB; Joe Pastorello, FB; Chris Sutton, DT; Steve Russ, LB; Mike Black, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Air Force releases freshman names in the fall.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Jarvis Baker, QB; Vergil Simpson, LB; Carlton McDonald, DB; Peter Wilkie, TE.



Trent Dilfer, Fresno State

rushing yardage, but that big-play magic was missing. It might not return even this year, although the Air Force backfield returns almost completely intact. The key will be senior Scott Teigen, who takes over at quarterback. Teigen is an above-average passer with excellent leadership abilities. Senior fullback Joe Pastorello tops a solid backfield, and four line starters return to open holes.

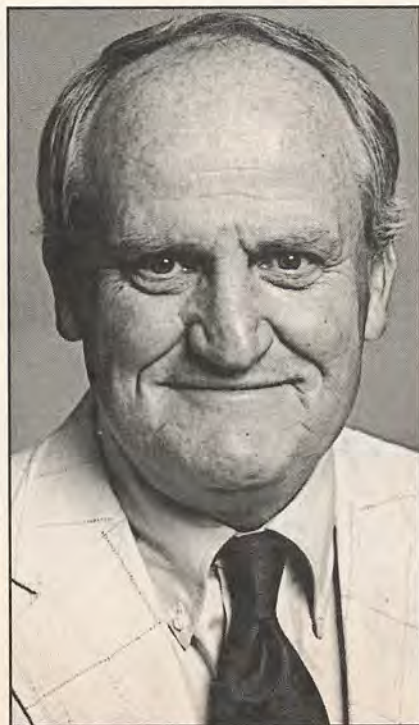
**Defense:** Only one starter, defensive tackle Chris Sutton, returns, creating big problems for the Falcons. Gone are All-America safety Carlton McDonald, the '92 WAC Defensive Player of the Year and All-WAC linebacker Vergil Simpson. Expect linebackers Steven Russ and Mike Black to make an impact, but Coach Fisher DeBerry has some big worries on this side of the ball.

**Special Teams:** Senior Chris MacInnis returns to handle both kicking chores after a solid '92 season. The Falcons feature outstanding kick coverage units and blocked eight kicks last year.

**Environment:** Air Force continues to thrive despite stringent admissions requirements and a six-year service commitment following graduation. Give credit to DeBerry and his staff for sticking together and selling the academy well during the last decade.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Air Force will know plenty by Week 4, by which time it will have played three WAC games. The non-conference slate features annual grudge matches with Army and Navy, and the Citadel is added to the military football tourney. An early trip Sept. 25 at BYU could be ugly for a developing defense. Stop No. 1 in the quest to defend the Commanders in Chief Trophy is Oct. 9 at Navy. Nov. 7 marks the showdown with Army—hardly a nice respite from the WAC wars.

**Outlook:** Air Force struggled on offense last year and thrived on defense. The reverse should be true this year, hardly a prescription for success. The Falcons don't



Head Coach Lavell Edwards, BYU



have the automatic Liberty Bowl bid this year, either. Expect a short-term drop-off.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-6.

**Bowl:** no.

## 7. WYOMING

**Offense:** The word on offense for the Cowboys is "if." If Terry Hendricks returns to his 1991 form and gives Wyoming the running game it lacked, and if quarterback Joe Hughes cuts down on his interceptions, and if the offensive line can be rebuilt—then look out. Of course, that's a lot of uncertainty. One rock-solid Cowboy asset is senior wide-out Ryan Yarborough, who caught 86 passes last year and has back-to-back 1,000-yard receiving seasons.

**Defense:** Last year's inconsistency has led to a slew of changes, with the hope that Wyoming's front seven will be tougher against the run. The biggest alterations come at linebacker, where junior



**Marshall Faulk, San Diego State**

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Ryan Folsom moves inside, and senior Corey Talich heads outside. Expect junior Ty Williams to see time at defensive tackle, as well as end, and look for the return of end Kurt Whitehead after an injury-filled 1992. There aren't enough returning vets in the secondary to experiment, though safety Kenny Johnson is steady.

**Special Teams:** This area needs work, despite the return of punter Brian Gragert (36.7 ypk) and kicker Kris Mindlin. One plus in this area is senior Prentice Rhone, last year's All-WAC return specialist.

**Environment:** Coach Joe Tiller has yet to impress in two years at the helm. He won't get much more time.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Cowpokes should burst out of the chute in fine fashion, thanks to a cushy three-game non-conference start. Wyoming misses BYU the next two years—another substantial plus. We'll learn if Wyoming is first-division material Oct. 2 at Air Force. Expect the 'Poke fans to seed the clouds for the Hawaii Rainbow Warriors' visit Oct. 23. Some snow would help. Back-to-back home games against the big boys with Fresno State Oct. 30.

**Outlook:** The Wyoming offense should be able to score some points this year, although what WAC team can't? The big test is how well Tiller's defensive changes work. The Cowboys have the league's easiest schedule and could have an inflated record by early October. If they also deliver in November, it could be bowl time.

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-6.

**Bowl:** no.

## 8. UTAH

**Offense:** The Utes had better find a quarterback to replace Frank Dolce, or it will be another 28 years between bowl appearances. Last year's Copper Bowl bid was the school's first since an invitation to the 1964 Liberty Bowl, and Dolce was a big

### UTAH

**LOCATION:** Salt Lake City, Utah.

**STADIUM:** Rice (32,500).

**COACH:** Ron McBride (17-18 overall/and at Utah).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-6 (lost to Washington State, 31-28, in Copper Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 35.

#### PROJECTED STARTERS:

**Offense**—Mike McKoy, QB, 6-3, 200, Jr.; Keith Williams, RB, 5-8, 189, Sr.; Jamal Anderson, RB, 6-0, 244, Sr.; Henry Lusk, SB, 6-1, 230, Jr.; Bryan Rowley, WR, 5-10, 178, Sr.; Greg Hooks, WR, 6-2, 195, Sr.; Kurt Haws, TE, 6-5, 239, Sr.; Anthony Brown, OT, 6-5, 313, Jr.; Cecil Thomas, OT, 6-4, 288, Sr.; Ed Castillo, OG, 6-3, 279, Sr.; Roy Ma'afala, OG, 6-2, 269, Jr.; Lance Scott, C, 6-3, 275, Jr.; Chris Yergensen, K, 6-1, 169, Sr.; Pierre Jones, KR, 5-8, 182, Sr.

**Defense**—Luther Elliss, DE, 6-5, 256, Jr.; Rick Verbalaitis, DE, 6-3, 253, Sr.; Adam Swaney, DT, 6-7, 263, Sr.; Blaine Berger, DT, 6-5, 278, Sr.; Derrick Stapley, 6-2, 235, Jr.; Anthony Hall, LB, 6-4, 247, Sr.; Cedric Crawford, LB, 5-10, 194, Sr.; Kareem Leary, DB, 6-1, 175, Sr.; Ed Miller, DB, 6-4, 214, Sr.; Marcus Woods, DB, 5-11, 209, Jr.; Mark Swanson, DB, 5-10, 184, Sr.; Jason Jones, P, 5-11, 180, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Bryan Rowley, WR; Luther Elliss, QB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Jason Hooks, LB; Nick Petronis, LB; Chris Rae, OT; Mark Rexford, LB; Jason Stanley, LB; Chad Ventriglia, OL.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Frank Dolce, QB; Mike DeHoog, OT; Tom McNitt, OL; Dave Chaytors, DL; Blaine Berger, DT; Reggie Alston, LB.



**Keith Williams, Utah**

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## WYOMING

**LOCATION:** Laramie, Wyo.

**STADIUM:** War Memorial (33,500).

**COACH:** Joe Tiller (9-13-1 overall/and at Wyoming).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-7.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 36.

#### PROJECTED STARTERS:

**Offense**—Joe Hughes, QB, 6-3, 220, Sr.; Terry Hendricks, RB, 5-10, 230, Jr.; Eric Edmond, RB, 5-11, 175, Jr.; Ryan Yarborough, WR, 6-2, 190, Sr.; Curtis Dewberry, WR, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Mike Jones, TE, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Mike Fitzgerald, OT, 6-3, 270, Sr.; Steve Scifres, OT, 6-5, 255, Fr.; Cody Kelly, OG, 6-5, 290, Sr.; Scott Kofron, OG, 6-6, 290, Sr.; Greg Scanlan, C, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Kris Mindlin, K, 5-10, 185, Sr.

**Defense**—Tyrone Williams, DE, 6-4, 250, Jr.; Kurt Whitehead, DE, 6-3, 250, Sr.; John Burrough, DT, 6-5, 250, Jr.; Thomas Williams, DT, 6-4, 290, Sr.; Cory Talich, LB, 6-3, 205, Sr.; Ryan Folsom, LB, 6-3, 245, Jr.; Joe Cummings, LB, 6-3, 230, So.; Prentice Rhone, DB, 5-8, 180, Sr.; Darnell Roary, DB, 5-11, 155, Sr.; Kenny Johnson, DB, 6-0, 185, Sr.; Rob Levin, DB, 6-2, 201, Sr.; Brian Gragert, P, 6-1, 220, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Joe Hughes, QB; Ryan Yarborough, WR; Terry Hendricks, RB; Ryan Folsom, LB; Ty Williams, DE/DT; Prentice Rhone, DB/KR.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Steve Scifres, OT; Chuck Polson, LB; Waymon Livingston, RB; Will Holland, WR.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Dwight Driver, RB; Isaac Hawkins, OG; Joe Wahlgren, OT; Junior Marcellus, DB.



reason for that success. Junior Mike McCoy came out of spring practice in the lead for the job, and he did start two games last year. Whoever starts under center will benefit from senior wideout Bryan Rowley (60 pc in '91), who returns from a broken ankle that sidelined him last year. A trio of running backs returns, led by Pierre Jones (715 yards rushing), but the line needs to be rebuilt.

**Defense:** The Utes must improve their defense against the run, which was last in the WAC last year. Junior end Luther Elliss is an all-league candidate, but much of the remainder of the Utes' front seven was ravaged by graduation. The secondary was outstanding last year, leading the WAC in passing defense, and it returns intact, led by senior Mark Swanson.

**Special Teams:** Senior Chris Yergensen, who nailed 13-of-20 field goals last year returns to handle placements, but a punter needs to be found. Pierre Jones is a solid return man.

**Environment:** Coach Ron McBride's third season at Utah was one of the school's best ever, and the bowl bid did a lot for the program. His challenge is sustaining the success—not easy in BYU's shadow.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Utes lose Nebraska, add Idaho and don't have to play Fresno State. That's some smart scheduling. McBride gets a quick read Sept. 4 at Arizona State on his new quarterback with a visit to Pac-10 country. If the Utes' rush defense isn't improved, Marshall Faulk could run for 400 yards Oct. 30 against San Diego State. The Nov. 20 contest at BYU is Game 4 of a tough season-ending stretch—not the easiest way to impress the bowl scouts.

**Outlook:** Dolce's absence isn't the only reason for Utah's fall. The Utes' rebuilt offensive and defensive fronts will compound the loss of leadership under center. Last year was great, but don't expect a repeat in '93.

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-7.

**Bowl:** no.

## 9. NEW MEXICO

**Offense:** Even if the Lobo offense fails to score a lot of points this year, New Mexico fans will still have fun talking about Stoney Case, a candidate for anybody's all-name team. Opponents may not be so happy dealing with Case, a talented junior who returns with an eye on several school records. He'll benefit from experienced receivers, especially senior Carl Winston, and four returning starters on the offensive line. Sophomore tailback Winslow Oliver (1,063 yards rushing) was third in the WAC in rushing last year and is very strong, despite a 5-7 frame.

**Defense:** The Lobos need help up front—fast. Three line starters are gone from a unit that surrendered 413 yards per game last season, still a substantial improvement from 1991. Senior tackle Jarrett Anderson is all that remains up front. Inside linebacker Tuli Mateialona is an All-WAC candidate, and the entire secondary returns.

**Special Teams:** New Mexico all-time leading scorer David Margolis is gone, and senior Hugo Ojeda, JC transfer Nathan Vail

## NEW MEXICO

**LOCATION:** Albuquerque, N.M.

**STADIUM:** University (30,646).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 3-8.

**COACH:** Dennis Franchione (83-27-2 overall/and at New Mexico).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 36.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Stoney Case, QB, 6-3, 191, Jr.; Winslow Oliver, TB, 5-7, 168, So.; Carl Winston, WR, 6-0, 179, Sr.; Joey Kowalczyk, WR, 5-8, 163, Sr.; Jerone Williams, TE, 6-3, 203, Sr.; Clint Hall, OT, 6-7, 285, Sr.; Kenny Thomas, OT, 6-0, 272, Sr.; Shawn Arruti, OG, 6-2, 262, Sr.; Corby Hankins, OG, 6-4, 277, Sr.; Justin Hall, C, 6-2, 277, Sr.; Hugo Ojeda, K, 6-2, 183, Sr.; Manley Woods, KR, 6-2, 164, Jr.

**Defense—**Damon Burrest, DE, 6-3, 308, Jr.; Jarrett Anderson, NT, 6-1, 250, Sr.; Ben Chavez, DT, 6-3, 266, Sr.; Buddy Billingsley, OLB, 6-3, 220, Fr.; Roston Thomas, OLB, 6-4, 218, So.; Terry Moore, ILB, 5-8, 217, Sr.; Tuli Mateialona, ILB, 6-1, 227, Sr.; Herb McKinley, DB, 5-11, 170, Sr.; Trent Coit, DB, 6-0, 188, Jr.; Ray Wilson, DB, 6-1, 199, Sr.; Eric Jack, DB, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Mike Nesbitt, P, 6-2, 183, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Stoney Case, QB; Carl Winston, WR; Winslow Oliver, RB; Justin Hall, C; Tuli Mateialona, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Buddy Billingsley, LB; Rod Coverley, LB; Nathan Vail, K.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Greg Oliver, WR; Jesse Becton, LB; Steve Green, NT.

and frosh Jeff Graham will try to replace him. Senior punter Mike Nesbitt (41.0) is back.

**Environment:** They're not laughing at the Lobos anymore. Coach Dennis Franchione has begun to rebuild the program, and the early returns are encouraging. A new 30,000-square-foot complex opens this year, and plans are being completed for a major stadium expansion.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Lobos feel the heat right away, with games against BYU, Fresno State and Hawaii the first five weeks. The annual in-state blood-letting with New Mexico State is in the middle (Sept. 25) of a three-game home-stand. The Oct. 30 game at Colorado State, the third of three straight on the road, should tell Franchione plenty about his team. The Nov. 6 game with Idaho State is good—scheduling a 1-AA opponent never hurts a rebuilding team.

**Outlook:** Lobo fans shouldn't set aside vacation days in late December for bowl trips, but they'd better buy tickets to see this team. Franchione knows what he's doing, and the program is rising slowly from its past ignominy. Six- and seven-win seasons are still a few years off, but the team will be improved.

**Petersen Predicts:** 4-7.

**Bowl:** no.

## 10. UTEP

**Offense:** Seven starters return from one of the league's worst offenses. Junior quarterback Shawn Gray proved to be a threat running or throwing the ball, but he must improve his TD-INT ratio (2-to-8) from last season, or the Miners will continue to sag. Junior wideout J.J. Rowlett could help Gray change that, although there's precious little experience among the running backs. Only senior slotback Ivory Durio returns. The

## UTEP

**LOCATION:** El Paso, Texas.

**STADIUM:** Sun Bowl (52,000).

**COACH:** David Lee (10-35-1 overall/and at UTEP).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 1-10.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Shawn Gray, QB, 6-1, 193, Jr.; Darryl Phillips, FB, 5-11, 206, Fr.; Omar Durham, SB, 5-8, 165, So.; Ivory Durio, SB, 5-8, 189, Sr.; Derrick Brown, WR, 6-2, 178, Sr.; J.J. Rowlett, WR, 6-4, 213, Jr.; Mark Golliher, OT, 6-3, 264, Sr.; George Loman, OT, 6-4, 263, Sr.; Jesse Villareal, OG, 6-2, 298, So.; Dan Kopplin, OG, 6-2, 276, Jr.; Danny Baker, C, 6-2, 260, Jr.; Marshall Young, K, 5-9, 193, So.; Sam Rogers, KR, 5-10, 191, So.

**Defense—**Pookie Floyd, DE, 6-4, 236, Sr.; Carl Cormier, DE, 6-3, 254, So.; Joel Barczak, DT, 6-2, 259, Sr.; Larry Davis, DT, 6-0, 257, So.; Barron Wortham, LB, 6-0, 230, Sr.; Larry Burton, LB, 6-2, 218, So.; Semaj Williams, LB, 5-9, 198, Fr.; Kevin Goolsby, DB, 5-11, 182, Jr.; Greg Shead, DB, 5-11, 182, So.; Sam Rogers, DB, 5-10, 191, So.; Quincy Guy, DB, 5-10, 175, Jr.; Allen Quintana, P, 5-11, 160, Fr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Shawn Gray, QB; J.J. Rowlett, WR; Ivory Durio, SB; Barron Wortham, LB; Marshall Young, K; Pookie Floyd, DE.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Darryl Phillips, FB; Allen Quintana, P.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** David Miles, FB; Rick Canales, OT; Ed Bunn, P.

middle of the UTEP line should be solid, but both tackles must be replaced.

**Defense:** One of the nation's worst defenses returns only three starters, but the biggest story for the Miner defenders could be the return of defensive coordinator Charlie Bailey, who spent one year in the ill-fated World League of American Football. Among the returnees, senior first-team All-WAC linebacker Barron Wortham stands out. He led the conference in tackles last year. Up front, linemen Larry Davis and Joel Barczak return.

**Special Teams:** A strength. Punter Ed Bunn and his nation-leading 47.7 average are gone, but sophomore kicker Marshall Young made 8-of-9 field goals last year. Sam Rogers, a sophomore DB, led the league in kickoff returns last year.

**Environment:** There's trouble in El Paso. Head Coach David Lee enters his fifth year with a 5-17-1 record in his last two seasons. Another dismal outing could land him a spot on the bread line.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Miners' slate shouldn't help Lee too much. Road trips to Arizona, Hawaii and North Carolina dominate the first half, while excursions to Air Force, Fresno State and BYU loom late. The UNLV Rebels offer UTEP's best shot at a win Sept. 11. After logging some serious frequent-flyer miles for three weeks, the Miners head home Oct. 9 against Wyoming. A loss Nov. 20 against New Mexico could seal Lee's dismissal.

**Outlook:** With the rest of the league improving so quickly, the Miners find themselves facing some serious catch-up work. A difficult schedule and a depleted defense will make that extremely difficult.

**Petersen Predicts:** 2-10.

**Bowl:** no.



By Bill  
Doherty

**A**s Texas billionaire Ross Perot found out last November,

it's rough being an independent. It's tough to beat the establishment, tough to win the big prize unless you're aligned with one of the big-name parties.

That's the case whether you're talking political football or college football. Just look at the ever-shrinking ranks of the once-proud independents. In recent years the Miamis, Florida States and Penn States of the college football world have abandoned the insecurity of independent status for the stability of mega-conferences. Now they can have a slightly down year, finish third in their conferences and still be bowl bound.

In 1993 the independent spirit dies a little more. How bad is it? Penn State, after 105 years as an independent, becomes a full-fledged member of the Big Ten this fall. Louisiana Tech, Northern Illinois, Southwestern Louisiana and Arkansas State, not exactly household names, have even been caught up in football's musical chairs. All will be members of the Big West Conference at the start of the '93 season.

So who's left in the independent ranks? The Fighting Irish, of course. Notre Dame is the one school in this coun-

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try that doesn't need to get involved in the merger madness. It has the

lucrative TV contract. It has the national recruiting base. It has the Touchdown Jesus. And Lou Holtz. In other words, it's a member of the elite.

This year the Irish might be a little down after losing all their skill people to the NFL, but they have enough returnees, particularly on defense, to earn yet another major bowl bid.

Under Notre Dame the next echelon of teams, like Perot, are Southern independents with little chance to come out on top in the final polls. Yet like good ole boy Ross, they can sure make a lot of noise. Louisville, Memphis State and East Carolina all should be explosive offensive teams that will at least warrant passing glances from minor bowls.

The remaining independents fall into two distinct categories, the service academies (Army, Navy) and a group of four schools (Cincinnati, Southern Miss, Tulsa and Tulane) that have employed young coaches who are at different stages of rebuilding the football fortunes at their schools. The hope is they'll improve enough to be either: 1. bowl-bound or 2. gobbled up by one of the high-powered conferences.

## ON THE HOT SEAT

### 1. Louisville head coach Howard Schnellenberger

*The 10-1-1 Fiesta Bowl season of 1990 stirred excitement. The schedule was upgraded. A 50,000-seat stadium was put on the drawing board. One small problem: The Cardinals stopped winning, going a combined 7-15 the past two seasons. With 48 lettermen back the Cardinals had better turn into Louisville Sluggers again, or Schnellenberger will be in trouble.*

### 2. Notre Dame defense

*The motto of the Irish defense during spring practice was 9-1-1 (no kidding). It's not just an empty slogan. This is an emergency. The Irish offense—with a new quarterback, a new tailback, new fullback and tight end (not to mention a couple of new linemen)—needs assistance and may even need the Irish D with its seven returning starters to provide a few early season rescues.*

### 3. Navy head coach George Chaump

*The Midshipmen have been closer to chumps than champs under Chaump, winning just two of 22 games the past two seasons.*



Ralph Dawkins, Louisville

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Jeff Brohm, Louisville

PHOTO: BOB ROSATO



Mike Miller, Notre Dame

PHOTO: BRUCE L. SCHWARTZMAN



## NOTRE DAME

**LOCATION:** South Bend, Ind.

**STADIUM:** Notre Dame Stadium (59,075).

**COACH:** Lou Holtz (182-83-6 overall/66-18-1 at Notre Dame).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 10-1-1 (beat Texas A&M, 28-3, in the Cotton Bowl).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Kevin McDougal, QB, 6-2, 194, Sr.; Lee Becton, TB, 6-0, 190, Jr.; Ray Zellars, FB, 5-11, 218, Jr.; Lake Dawson, FL, 6-1, 202, Sr.; Derrick Mayes, SE, 6-1, 205, So.; Oscar McBride, TE, 6-5, 251, Sr.; Aaron Taylor, T, 6-4, 300, Sr.; Will Lyell, G, 6-5, 245, So.; Tim Ruddy, C, 6-3, 286, Sr.; Mark Zataveski, G, 6-6, 295, Jr.; Todd Norman, T, 6-6, 297, Sr.; Kevin Pendergast, K, 5-10, 168, Sr.; Mike Miller, PR/KR, 5-7, 157, Jr.

**Defense**—Germaine Holden, DE, 6-4, 245, Jr.; Bryant Young, 6-3, 277, Sr.; Jim Flanagan, NG, 6-2, 276, Sr.; Brian Hamilton, DT, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Renaldo Wynn, DE, 6-3, 222, So.; Pete Bercich, LB, 6-2, 237, Sr.; Anthony Peterson, LB, 6-0, 223, Sr.; Bobby Taylor, CB, 6-3, 191, So.; Greg Lane, CB, 5-9, 180, Sr.; Jeff Burris, SS, 6-0, 204, Sr.; John Covington, FS, 6-2, 211, Sr.; Brian Ford, P, 6-4, 190, Fr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Kevin McDougal, QB; Lake Dawson, WR; Lee Becton, TB; Mike Miller, FL/KR; Aaron Taylor, T; Tim Ruddy, C; Todd Norman, T; Bryant Young, DT; Anthony Peterson, LB; Jeff Burris, SS; Bobby Taylor, FS; Greg Lane, CB; Renaldo Wynn, DE.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Ron Powlus, QB; Randy Kinder, TB; Robert Farmer, TB; Chris Kurpelkas, OL; Melvin Dansby, LB; Mike Doughty, OL; Brian Ford, K/P; Sim Stokes, DB; Anthony Swiney, DB; Kinon Tatum, DB; Brian Perry, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Rick Mirer, QB; Jerome Bettis, FB; Irv Smith, TE; Reggie Brooks, TB; Justin Hall, OT; Demetrius DuBose, LB; Tom Carter, DB; Devon McDonald, DE; Craig Hentrich, P/K.

## 1. NOTRE DAME

**Offense:** Senior signal-caller Kevin McDougal looks as if he'll be the opening day starter at quarterback, but don't count out junior Paul Failla and true freshman Ron Powlus, a special talent. Junior Lee Becton will take over the tailback spot, while fellow junior Ray Zellars won the full-back spot in spring practice. The winner of the quarterback derby will have some talented wideouts to throw to, including senior Lake Dawson (25 catches, 462 yards in '92) and sophomore Derrick Mayes, one of the biggest surprises of spring drills. Oscar McBride is the latest in a long line of fine Irish tight ends. The offensive line will need some tinkering, but features one of the best players in the country in 6-4, 300-pound senior Aaron Taylor—a cinch to be a first round NFL draft pick next spring.

**Defense:** Seven starters return. In fact, 10 of the 11 projected starters have seen extensive action for the Fighting Irish, so this group could be a dominant unit. The defensive front should be strong, especially senior defensive tackle Bryant Young, a future pro. Inside linebackers Anthony Peterson and Peter Bercich are experienced returnees, while sophomore outside backer Renaldo Wynn looks like a future star. Despite the loss of Tom Carter (first-round pick of the Washington Redskins), Holtz will have one of the nation's best

defensive backfields at his disposal—thanks to the return of cornerbacks Bobby Taylor and Greg Lane, as well as experienced safeties in seniors Jeff Burris and John Covington.

**Special Teams:** Holtz must replace graduated kicker/punter Craig Hentrich. No small task there. Hentrich is the school's all-time point scorer among kickers (387 points) as well as Notre Dame's career punting average leader (44.1 yards per punt). Senior Kevin Pendergast, an accurate kicker with limited range on field goals, will likely handle the place-kicking. Freshman Brian Ford will be the team's punter and may push Pendergast for the kicking job. Punt and kickoff returner Mike Miller, the tiny Texas speedster, will wreak havoc.

**Environment:** Each fall brings national championship aspirations. If that's to happen this season, the defense must be dominant, while the new offensive skill players get comfortable.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Irish will face their usual landmine of a schedule. Holtz is fortunate he has a strong defense, because his crew faces some of the nation's most explosive teams, including Michigan (Sept. 11), Stanford (Oct. 2), BYU (Oct. 16), USC (Oct. 23), Florida State (Nov. 13) and Boston College (Nov. 20).

**Outlook:** Despite the tough slate and the slew of personnel losses, look for the Irish to be one of the nation's top teams. The team will stub its toe a couple of times (probably Michigan and Florida State), but the Fighting Irish will be bowl-bound again.

**Petersen Predicts:** 9-2.

**Bowl:** yes.

## 2. LOUISVILLE

**Offense:** Louisville returns nine starters on offense including senior quarterback Jeff Brohm who took every snap from cen-

## LOUISVILLE

**LOCATION:** Louisville, Ky.

**STADIUM:** Cardinal Stadium (35,500).

**COACH:** Howard Schnellenberger (80-64-2 overall/39-48-2 at Louisville).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 48.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Jeff Brohm, QB, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Ralph Dawkins, TB, 5-9, 195, Sr.; Chris Fitzpatrick, FB, 5-10, 203, Jr.; Kevin Cook, WR, 6-0, 190, Sr.; Aaron Bailey, WR, 5-10, 177, Sr.; Roman Oben, T, 6-4, 273, So.; John Bock, T, 6-2, 271, Sr.; Jason Stinson, C, 6-4, 259, So.; Dave Debold, G, 6-2, 265, Sr.; Jermaine Williams, T, 6-4, 283, Jr.; Ken Harnden, K, 5-9, 160, So.; Aaron Bailey, KR/PR, 5-10, 177, Sr.

**Defense**—Jay Fanning, DE, 6-5, 230, So.; Leonard Ray, DT, 6-3, 284, Sr.; Jim Hanna, DT, 6-4, 255, Sr.; Joe Johnson, DE, 6-3, 250, Jr.; Tom Cavallo, LB, 6-3, 220, Sr.; Vince Dueberry, LB, 6-0, 215, Sr.; Ben Sumpter, LB, 6-2, 210, Sr.; Anthony Bridges, CB, 5-9, 165, Jr.; Kevin Gaines, CB, 6-0, 181, Sr.; Kelvin Givens, FS, 6-1, 190, Jr.; Bernard Wright, SS, 5-11, 180, Jr.; Brandon Brookfield, P, 6-0, 202, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Jeff Brohm, QB; Ralph Dawkins, TB; Jim Hanna, DT; Ben Sumpter, LB; Anthony Bridges, CB; Anthony Shelman, TB; Kevin Gaines, CB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Bernard Wright, DB;

Freddie Douglas, WR; Ron Alvarez, DL; Tyrus McCloud, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Ray Buchanan, DB; Deral Boykin, DB; Andy Culley, LB; Brevin Smith, DL; Kevin Blumeier, T; Greg Brohm, WR.

ter in '92. Brohm is talented (2,008 yards passing last fall), but he must cut down on his mistakes (12 interceptions, only 9 TD passes). Brohm doesn't have to do it alone. Schnellenberger's club returns all but one of its starting offensive linemen, and they also have two gifted tailbacks in senior

## ALL-INDEPENDENT

**First-team offense:** QB Steve Matthews, Memphis State; RB Junior Smith, East Carolina; RB Lamont Headd, Tulsa; WR Marlon Peace, Cincinnati; WR Wil Ursin, Tulane; TE Carlester Crumpler, East Carolina; T Aaron Taylor, Notre Dame; T Todd Beeching, Southern Mississippi; G Terry Tilghman, East Carolina; G Jeff King, Memphis State; C Tim Ruddy, Notre Dame; K Joe Allison, Memphis State; KR Morris Letcher, East Carolina.

**First-team defense:** DE Bernard Carter, East Carolina; DE Nate Dingle, Cincinnati; DT Bryant Young, Notre Dame; DT Michael Tobias, Southern Mississippi; LB Danton Barto, Memphis State; LB Javier Zuluaga, Navy; LB Jason Coppess, Cincinnati; CB Jocelyn Borgella, Cincinnati; CB Bobby Taylor, Notre Dame; S Jeff Burris, Notre Dame; S Mike Staid, Tulane; P Brandon Brookfield, Louisville.

**Second-team offense:** QB Jeff Brohm, Louisville; RB Lee Becton, Notre Dame; RB Steve Weber, Army; WR Chris Penn, Tulsa; WR Lake Dawson, Notre Dame; TE Oscar McBride, Notre Dame; T Todd Norman, Notre Dame; T Stevie Williams, Memphis State; G Max Lane, Navy; G Ken Crawford, East Carolina; C Mitch Tinsley, Tulsa; K Johnny Lomoro, Southern Mississippi; KR Mike Miller, Notre Dame.

**Second-team defense:** DE Sedric Clark, Tulsa; DE Renaldo Wynn, Notre Dame; DT Jim Hanna, Louisville; DT Roger Mason, Memphis State; LB Tyrone Nix, Southern Mississippi; LB Kevin Czarnecki, Army; LB Anthony Peterson, Notre Dame; CB Greg Lane, Notre Dame; CB Perry Carter, Southern Mississippi; S Kevin Gaines, Louisville; S Jeremy Williams, Memphis State; P Mark DeLozier, Tulsa.



Ralph Dawkins (1,580 career rushing yards; 1,176 career receiving yards) and junior Anthony Shelman (team-high 418 yards rushing in '92).

**Defense:** There are some holes to fill here. The departure of linebacker Andy Culley as well as defensive backs Ray Buchanan and Deral Boykin will hurt, but those areas should be OK. Why? Ben Sumpter (team-leading 103 tackles) and Tom Cavallo (75 tackles, 4 interceptions), a pair of battle-tested senior linebackers, should provide leadership. The defensive backfield, with the return of Anthony Bridges and Kevin Gaines, should also be strong. Defensive tackle Jim Hanna will anchor the defensive line.

**Special Teams:** Sophomore kicker Ken Harnden has limited range, but can do the job inside 40 yards. Junior Brandon Brookfield shared the kicking duties with Harnden and is also a stellar punter (41.7 yard-average on 60 punts). Senior wide receiver Aaron Bailey and senior jack-of-all-trades Ralph Dawkins give Schnellenberger a pair of dangerous return men.

**Environment:** Since 1990, the Cards have gone 2-9 and 5-6 against top-notch schedules. This season, with 38 of Louisville's top 46 players back, the alumni won't accept any excuses.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The four-game stretch of late-September home games with Arizona State and Texas followed by early October road trips to Pitt and West Virginia will tell Schnellenberger volumes about his team. His team can't coast home from there, unfortunately. The Cards have a brutal two-game road swing—at Tennessee and at Texas A&M—late in the year.

**Outlook:** Look for the minor bowl scouts to take in the Cardinals' late-season terrible "T" stretch—the aforementioned games at

Tennessee and Texas A&M. If the Cardinals perform well in that stretch and finish with seven wins, then a bowl trip is a possibility.

**Petersen Predicts:** 7-4.

**Bowl:** yes.

### 3. MEMPHIS STATE

**Offense:** High octane. The Tigers feature one of the best-kept secrets in senior quarterback Steve Matthews, who was ranked No. 12 nationally in passing efficiency last fall. Matthews, a 6-4 left-hander, set school single-season records for most pass attempts (286), most completions (175), most passing yardage (2,084) and most TD passes (18). Tailbacks Larry Porter and John Martin, a pair who rushed for a combined 1,295 yards and 10 TDs last season, also return. Fleet-footed senior wideout Isaac Bruce (39 catches, 532 yards in '92) should be the favorite target of Matthews, who should be well-protected with the return of three starting offensive linemen.

**Defense:** Last fall the Tigers featured the nation's No. 3-ranked defense, finishing behind eventual national champion Alabama and Arizona in total defense. Because of heavy losses along the defensive line the Memphis State D will be hard-pressed to match last year's performance, but the Tigers won't be toothless. Senior linebacker Danton Barto (team-high 127 tackles in '92) and senior free safety Jeremy Williams (91 tackles, 3 interceptions) are both serious All-American candidates.

**Special Teams:** Speaking of All-Americans, the Tigers have the nation's

best place-kicker in senior Joe Allison. Nephew of NASCAR standout Bobby Allison, he was everybody's All-American and won the Lou Groza Award as the nation's top place-kicker after making 23-of-25 field-goal attempts and 32-of-32 PATs. He's an invaluable offensive weapon. Meanwhile, the punting game is a major question mark because of the graduation of standout Jeff Buffalo (44.6 yard average). Sophomore Andy McWilliams, the Tigers' "pooch" punter in '92, will try to replace the now-extinct Buffalo.

**Environment:** Optimistic. The Tigers' 6-5 mark in '92—coupled with the return of All-American candidates in Allison, Barto, Matthews and Williams—has Memphis State thinking bowl bid.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The key for the Tigers will be their ability to avoid a slow start like the 0-3 opening a year ago. The Tigers open with Mississippi State and Louisville, a pair of teams that beat them by a combined five points last season. If Memphis State can turn around those results, then a bowl bid is a safe bet.

**Outlook:** The Tigers will score points. The key to the season will be whether Head Coach Chuck Stobart can rebuild the defensive line and defensive backfield fast enough for the Tigers to come out of the gates quickly.

**Petersen Predicts:** 7-4.

**Bowl:** no.

### 4. EAST CAROLINA

**Offense:** Junior quarterback Michael Anderson was a major reason the Pirates

#### MEMPHIS STATE

**LOCATION:** Memphis, Tenn.

**STADIUM:** Liberty Bowl (62,380).

**COACH:** Chuck Stobart (57-74-3 overall/17-26-1 at Memphis State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-5.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 44.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Steve Matthews, QB, 6-4, 219, Sr.; John Martin, TB, 5-9, 180, Sr.; Marcus Holliday, FB, 6-0, 225, Jr.; Isaac Bruce, WR, 6-1, 185, Sr.; Ray Patterson, WR, 5-10, 182, Sr.; Charles Walker, WR, 6-3, 190, Sr.; Stevie Williams, T, 6-2, 275, Sr.; Tony Semple, G, 6-6, 269, Sr.; Jeff King, C/G, 6-3, 273, Sr.; Trent Miley, G, 6-1, 271, Jr.; Davis Brooks, T, 6-6, 280, Sr.; Joe Allison, K, 6-0, 188, Sr.; Ray Patterson, KR, 5-10, 183, Jr.

**Defense**—Dan Bonner, DE, 6-0, 212, So.; Charles King, DT, 6-1, 270, Sr.; Brian Barnett, NG, 6-1, 260, So.; Rod Mason, DT, 6-2, 238, So.; Rod Brown, DE, 6-0, 230, Sr.; Danton Barto, LB, 6-2, 239, Sr.; Adam Diaz, LB, 6-0, 202, Sr.; Dominic Calloway, CB, 6-1, 185, Sr.; Ken Irvin, CB, 5-11, 185, Jr.; Barry Dillard, SS, 5-10, 178, Jr.; Jeremy Williams, FS/PR, 5-10, 177, Sr.; Andy McWilliams, P, 5-10, 197, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Danton Barto, LB; Steve Matthews, QB; Jeremy Williams, FS/PR; Dominic Calloway, CB; Rod Mason, DT; Jeff King, C; Stevie Williams, G; John Martin, RB; Joe Allison, K.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Duane Vandborg, LB; Charles Gietzen, OT; Mike Anderson, WR; Kerry Cobb, DE.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Chris Hobbs, NG; Pat Jansen, DT; Russell Copeland, WR; Larry Bolton, C; Joe Stanley, T; Jeff Sawyer, DE; Mike Davis, DE.

#### EAST CAROLINA

**LOCATION:** Greenville, N.C.

**STADIUM:** Ficklen Stadium (35,000).

**COACH:** Steve Logan (5-6 overall/and at East Carolina).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 32.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Michael Anderson, QB, 6-4, 226, Jr.; Junior Smith, RB, 5-6, 174, Jr.; Damon Wilson, FB, 6-0, 220, Jr.; Morris Letcher, WR/PR, 5-9, 164, Sr.; Derrek Batson, WR, 5-9, 180, So.; Carlester Crumpler, TE, 6-6, 245, Sr.; Daryl Taylor, T, 6-3, 290, Sr.; Ken Crawford, G, 6-5, 266, Sr.; Derrick Leaphart, C, 6-2, 290, Jr.; Tom Coleman, G, 6-3, 275, Sr.; Terry Tilghman, T, 6-6, 265, Sr.; Stephen Padgett, K, 5-8, 160, So.; Morris Foreman, KR, 6-1, 200, So.

**Defense**—Lamont Burns, DE, 6-5, 228, Fr.; Jeff Cooke, DT, 6-1, 264, Sr.; Dealtion Cotton, DT, 6-0, 256, Sr.; Derek Taylor, DE, 6-0, 262, Sr.; Bernard Carter, DE/LB, 6-3, 248, Sr.; Mike Sweat, LB, 6-2, 235, Jr.; Mark Libiano, LB, 6-3, 220, So.; Greg Floyd, CB, 5-10, 180, Sr.; Travis Render, CB, 5-9, 182, Sr.; Hank Cooper, SS, 6-0, 184, So.; Morris Foreman, FS, 6-1, 200, So.; Bill Wilson, P, 6-4, 215, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Junior Smith, RB; Morris Letcher, WR/PR; Carlester Crumpler, TE; Terry Tilghman, G; Bernard Carter, DE; Michael Anderson, QB.

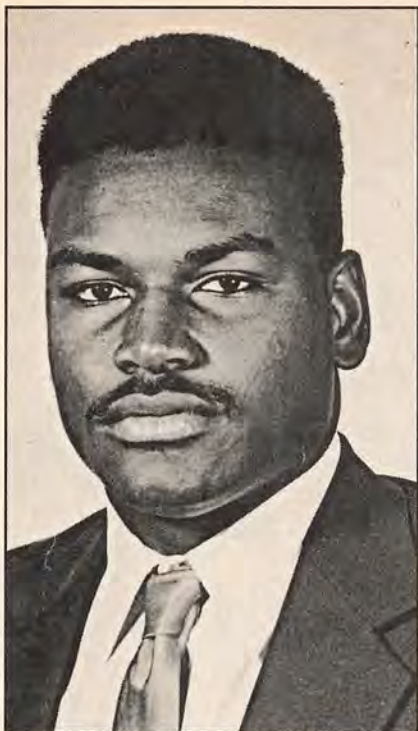
**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Lamont Burns, DE; Mike Sweat, LB; Bill Wilson, P; Sean Turner, LB; Chris Hester, QB; Jamie Gray, DT; Allen Williams, WR; Jerris McPhail, RB; Lloyd Cameron, DT.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Tom Scott, T; Greg Grandison, SS; Jerry Dillon, LB; Clayton Driver, WR; Tony Davis, LB; Ernie Davis, LB; Zaim Cunmulaj, DT; Nick Wilson, T; Deke Owens, K.



Bernard Carter, East Carolina





**Derek Taylor, East Carolina**

featured the nation's No. 10 ranked passing offense last fall. Anderson broke all of ECU's sophomore passing and total offense records, after completing 222-of-398 passes for 2,486 yards and 22 TDs. The bad news? Anderson was also a bit of an equal opportunity passer, throwing a school-record 23 interceptions. Two of his key targets, senior speedster Morris Lechter (47 catches, 557 yards) and senior tight end Carlester Crumpler (38, 524 yards), an All-American candidate, are back. The Pirates won't just fly the friendly skies—thanks to the return of junior tailback Junior Smith (1,037 yards rushing), the first East Carolina player to rush for 1,000 yards since 1979.

**Defense:** Second-year head coach Steve Logan must rebuild his entire line-backing corps, which lost all three starters. The defensive line led by senior defensive end Bernard Carter (20½ career sacks) should be adequate. Despite the loss of Greg Grandison the defensive backfield should be strong with the return of safety Hank Cooper and cornerbacks Travis Render and Greg Floyd.

**Special Teams:** Two new faces will handle the punting and place-kicking duties. Junior Bill Wilson appears to be a solid punter after averaging 41 yards per punt and earning honorable mention JC All-American honors at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M last fall.

**Environment:** Highly charged. The Pirates, one full season removed from their 1992 Peach Bowl trip, have the makings of one of the nation's most explosive offenses. Need proof that East Carolina is a team to keep an eye on? ESPN is televising the Pirates opener against Syracuse Sept. 9.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Pirates will learn a lot about themselves early in the season. Syracuse and Washington, two of the most successful

college programs of the '90s, are on the docket in September, while the Pirates' October slate begins with a home game against Memphis State and a trip to South Carolina—a pair of teams that can put points on the board.

**Outlook:** If the Pirates' rebuilt defense can survive the tough early season stretch with a 3-2 mark, look out, because the balance of the ECU schedule isn't that tough. If the Pirates start below .500, then they'll flirt with the .500 mark. Again.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-5.

**Bowl:** no.

## 5. CINCINNATI

**Offense:** Another potent club. Tim Murphy's charges return their starting quarterback, both starting running backs and the school's all-time leading receiver in senior Marlon Pearce (125 receptions). Pearce should add to his impressive pass-catching totals—thanks to the return of 6-5, 222-pound senior quarterback Lance Harp (1,785 yards, 7 TDs, 16 interceptions). He's strong-armed, but must cut down on his interceptions this fall. Starting tailback David Small (780 yards, 10 TDs) is recovering from a broken foot and will be pushed for a starting spot by sophomore Darrell Harding, a promising young runner.

**Defense:** With eight of its 11 starters back, the defense should continue to improve. The biggest area of concern is the line, where two starters must be replaced. The Bearcats' linebacking corps is probably the strongest group among the Independents—thanks to the return of stal-

## CINCINNATI

**LOCATION:** Cincinnati, Ohio.

**STADIUM:** Nippert Stadium (35,000).

**COACH:** Tim Murphy (24-42-1 overall/9-34-1 at Cincinnati).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 3-8.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Lance Harp, QB, 6-5, 222, Sr.; David Small, TB, 5-9, 180, Sr.; Mike Britford, FB, 5-6, 195, Sr.; Brian Jenkins, FL/KR, 5-7, 156, Sr.; Marlon Pearce, WR, 5-8, 162, Sr.; Mike Guzda, TE, 6-3, 240, Sr.; Rick Simons, T, 6-4, 270, Jr.; Dan Boslet, G, 6-4, 279, So.; Jamie Lemire, C, 6-3, 274, So.; Ray Woodside, G, 6-4, 280, Sr.; Matt Vaupel, T, 6-5, 291, Jr.; Tom Zovko, K, 6-0, 185.

**Defense—**Rob Robinson, DT, 6-5, 280, Fr.; Bob Dickens, NG, 6-2, 261, Sr.; Ernest Allen, DT, 6-3, 270, Jr.; Nate Dingle, LB, 6-3, 254, Sr.; Jonathan Boone, LB, 6-3, 225, Sr.; Jason Coppess, LB, 6-2, 236, Sr.; Reggie Hudson, LB, 6-1, 203, Jr.; Mike Davis, CB, 6-2, 191, Sr.; Jason Borgella, CB/PR, 5-10, 179, Sr.; Latish Kinsler, SS, 6-2, 197, Sr.; Alan Fletcher, FS, 5-10, 184, Sr.; Jeff Blaylock, P, 6-1, 204, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Lance Harp, QB; Nate Dingle, LB; Marlon Pearce, WR; David Small, RB; Jason Borgella, CB/PR; Jason Coppess, LB; Brian Jenkins, FL/KR.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Eric Vibberts, QB; Anthony Ladd, WR; Paul Blackwood, FB; Darrius Felder, LB; Rob Robinson, DT; Terry Grooms, DT; Paul Blackwood, RB; Doug Monson, T; Jim Gibson, DT; Scott Vick, DL; Izell Perry, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Kris Bjorson, TE; Jim Carmon, T; Jamie Crysdale, C; Dale Katz, T; Ronnie Dixon, NG; Gary Reid, DT; Scott Brown, LB; Brian Whitlow, K.

warts Jason Coppess (team-high 112 tackles) and Nate Dingle (54 tackles) as well as the vastly improved Jonathan Boone. The defensive backfield is also topnotch with all four starters back, including All-American candidate Jocelyn Borgella.

**Special Teams:** Punter Jeff Blaylock is back after missing spring practice following arthroscopic surgery on the knee of his kicking leg. The place-kicking will be handled by sophomore Tom Zovko, who was the Bearcats' kickoff man last fall, but saw limited field-goal duty. Brian Jenkins, a 5-7, 156-pound senior, is back after averaging 21 yards per kickoff return last season. He also returns punts.

**Environment:** Optimistic. The Bearcats return seven starters on offense and eight on defense, so hopes are high.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** After three winnable games to start the season the Bearcats face a tough three-game road trip—at Syracuse, at Tulsa and at Vanderbilt. The key for the Bearcats will be a fast start, then picking up at least one win in those three road games. The schedule eases the next two games (Ball State, Toledo) before games against three pass-happy foes—Memphis State, Houston and East Carolina.

**Outlook:** The Bearcats will be improved over last season's 3-8 club. The question is how much improved? If Cincinnati can go a perfect 4-0 against Mid-American Conference opponents on its schedule and split its other six games, then it'll go 7-4. That appears to be a bit too much to ask.

**Petersen Predicts:** 6-5.

**Bowl:** no.

## 6. SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

**Offense:** Junior Tommy Waters returns for his third straight season as the team's starting quarterback. He must drastically improve on last year's numbers (1,159 yards, 6 TDs, 7 interceptions), if the Golden Eagles are to continue their winning ways this fall. Seldom-used senior tailback Barry Boyd (32 yards in '92) will be counted on to replace the graduated Michael Welch (team-high 812 yards). That's a tall order, but at least Boyd will run behind a strong offensive line, which features gargantuan tackle Todd Beeching (6-8, 310).

**Defense:** A potentially dominant unit, because the Golden Eagles have 10 of 11 starters back. However, they must improve their run defense. Senior linebacker Tyrone Nix, a 6-2, 230-pound hitting machine, is an All-American candidate. In the secondary Perry Carter—a three-year letterman—combines sprinter speed (10.69 in 100 meters) with a nose for the football (7 career interceptions). The defensive line should also be strong with three starters back, including defensive tackle Michael Tobias (91 tackles).

**Special Teams:** Junior punter Eric Estes is a heart-warming story. The heir apparent to former Southern Mississippi star quarterback Brett Favre (now a Green Bay Packer), Estes suffered a serious head injury in August '91 and was advised to give up football. After a year away from the sport Estes—who's also a baseball standout—returned to the football field and made the team as a punter. He averaged 40 yards per punt last fall. As expected



## SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI

**LOCATION:** Hattiesburg, Miss.

**STADIUM:** M.M. Roberts Stadium (33,000).

**COACH:** Jeff Bower (11-12 overall/and at Southern Mississippi).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-4.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Tommy Waters, QB, 6-1, 210, Jr.; Barry Boyd, TB, 5-10, 195, Sr.; Howard McGee, FB, 6-2, 205, Jr.; Mark Montgomery, WR, 6-1, 180, Jr.; Fred Brock, WR, 5-10, 175, So.; Anthony Owens, TE, 6-3, 237, Sr.; Todd Beeching, T, 6-8, 310, Sr.; Darian Smith, G, 6-3, 278, Sr.; Kenny Ray, C, 6-3, 265, Jr.; Coty Jones, G, 6-6, 260, Jr.; Corey Moorer, T, 6-4, 266, Sr.; Johnny Lomoro, K, 5-8, 155, So.; Fred Brock, KR, 5-10, 175, So.

**Defense**—Bobby Hamilton, DE, 6-5, 265, Sr.; Kevin Jackson, DT, 6-2, 250, Sr.; Michael Tobias, DT, 6-3, 275, Jr.; James Robinson, DE, 6-3, 240, So.; Eugene Harmon, LB, 6-0, 215, So.; Tyrone Nix, LB, 6-2, 230, Sr.; Albert McRae, LB, 6-1, 218, So.; Perry Carter, CB/PR, 6-1, 190, Sr.; Derrek Hervey, CB, 5-9, 180, Sr.; Melvin Ratcliff, SS, 5-11, 185, So.; Shaun Gamble, FS, 6-0, 180, Jr.; Eric Estes, P, 6-0, 205, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Todd Beeching, T; Perry Carter, DB; Bobby Hamilton, DE; Tyrone Nix, LB; Anthony Owens, TE; Michael Tobias, DT; Tommy Waters, QB; Mark Montgomery, WR.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Alvin Dempsey, DB; Kendrick Williams, WR; Eric Brown, FB; Brent Duggins, OL; Terry Nunn, LB; Rod Thomas, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Greg Reed, WR; Michael Welch, TB; Leon Anderson, G; George McReynolds, G; Dwayne Nelson, FB; James Singleton, DE.

sophomore kicker Johnny Lomoro made an immediate impact at Southern Miss, hitting 5-of-8 field goals from more than 40 yards.

**Environment:** The folks in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, have bowl fever. A midseason loss to Northern Illinois cost Southern Miss a bowl bid a year ago. With 10 starters back on D, hopes are high in '93.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Extremely difficult schedule. The Golden Eagles face Pitt, Georgia, Alabama and Auburn as well as fellow independents Louisville, East Carolina, Memphis State, Tulane and Tulsa.

**Outlook:** The tough slate looks as if it'll be a little too much for Southern Mississippi, despite an excellent defense.

**Petersen Predicts:** 5-6.

**Bowl:** no.

## 7. ARMY

**Offense:** Talk about taking advantage of an opportunity. Rick Roper, an untested sophomore quarterback, was thrust into the starting lineup after an injury to No. 1 quarterback Mike Makovec in the second game last season. Roper successfully took over the reins of Army's offense, passing for 708 yards and rushing for an additional 603 yards. Needless to say, the job is Roper's in '93. Roper will have some reliable players in the backfield, particularly senior fullback Steve Weber (750 yards rushing) and senior tailback Chad Davis (530 yards). Other reasons for optimism are that split end Paul Andrzejewski (27 catches, 307 yards) returns along with four starters on the offensive line.

## ARMY

**LOCATION:** West Point, N.Y.

**STADIUM:** Michie Stadium (39,929).

**COACH:** Bob Sutton (9-13 overall/and at Army).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Rick Roper, QB, 5-10, 175, Jr.; Akili King, HB, 5-10, 212, So.; Chad Davis, HB/KR, 5-9, 165, Sr.; Steve Weber, FB, 5-11, 210, Sr.; Paul Andrzejewski, SE, 6-0, 180, Sr.; Jon Kerr, TE, 6-2, 233, Jr.; Mark Escobedo, T, 6-0, 275, Sr.; Troy Prehar, G, 6-3, 255, Sr.; Kevin Muir, C, 6-3, 270, Sr.; Josh Freeman, G, 6-2, 265, Jr.; Matt Conway, T, 6-2, 265, Sr.; Rocco Wicks, K, 5-9, 190, Jr.

**Defense**—Joel Davis, DT, 6-3, 255, So.; Gary Graves, NG, 6-2, 250, Sr.; Jim Slomka, DT, 6-3, 250, Sr.; Jason Miller, LB, 6-1, 208, Sr.; Kevin Czarnecki, LB, 6-2, 235, Sr.; Pat Work, LB, 5-11, 227, Jr.; Bob Heckathorne, LB, 6-1, 225, Jr.; Jason Sutton, CB, 5-10, 190, Sr.; James Chun, DB, 5-10, 172, Jr.; Todd Turner, SS, 6-0, 202, Sr.; Jim Cantelupe, FS/PR, 5-11, 185, So.; Todd Hawkins, P, 6-3, 200, Sr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Kevin Czarnecki, LB; Steve Weber, FB; Rick Roper, QB; Gary Graves, NG; Mark Escobedo, T; Kevin Muir, C.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Jim Cantelupe, DB; Bill Douth, LB; Al Roberts, LB; Adrain Calame, LB; Ed Stover, G; Bill Blair, T; Abby Muhammad, WR; Tom Napier, FB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Mike McElrath, DB; John Pirog, G; Bill Currence, TE; Dan Davis, DT; Chris Koshinski, DT; Rob Klopp, DB; Duncan Johnson, DB.

**Defense:** There are gaping holes to fill in the Army defense. All-American free safety Mike McElrath has graduated, along with two other defensive backfield starters. Both defensive tackles must also be replaced. That's the bad news. On the up side, Army should have a strong set of linebackers, led by inside linebackers Keith Czarnecki (131 tackles) and Pat Work (51 tackles). Jason Sutton (34 tackles, 2 interceptions) is a solid returnee in the secondary.

**Special Teams:** Patmon Malcolm, an accurate place-kicker, has graduated and will be missed. Malcolm will be best remembered for his 49-yard field goal to beat Navy last season. Senior punter Todd Hawkins averaged 38.2 yards per punt as a sophomore, then saw his average slip to 36.8 last fall before surrendering his job to Malcolm six games into the '92 season. This fall Hawkins will try to regain his sophomore form. The place-kicking job belongs to Rocco Wicks, who kicked off last fall, but has never attempted a field goal or PAT at Army.

**Environment:** Head Coach Bob Sutton has the Cadets believing in themselves. In his first season Army finished 4-7, then they were one win better in '92 with a 5-6 mark. With all of the returning skill players, Sutton and his players believe a winning season is a distinct possibility.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** There's a tough two-game stretch against Big East opponents Rutgers (Oct. 16) and Boston College (Oct. 23). Of course, there's the annual clash with Navy to end the season Dec. 4, but the Cadets have a schedule that with some breaks could result in

five or six wins.

**Outlook:** With an experienced offensive line and a talented backfield, the Cadets' wishbone running attack should again be one of nation's best. (They have ranked No. 4 in the nation in rushing offense in '91 and '92.) The problem is on the other side of the ball, where there are some questions. If Bob Sutton, a former defensive coordinator at Army (1983-90), can answer them quickly, Army has enough talent to make a run at an above-.500 record.

**Petersen Predicts:** 4-7.

**Bowl:** no.

## 8. TULSA

**Offense:** The two keys for the Golden Hurricane to improve on last season's 4-7 mark will be Head Coach Dave Rader's ability to rebuild the offensive line and also whether senior quarterback Gus Frerotte can improve on his '92 performance. The 6-4, 226-pound Frerotte is physically gifted, but must be less mistake-prone this season after throwing 11 interceptions a year ago. Five of those errant passes were returned for touchdowns. If the line comes together and Frerotte can reduce his mistakes and improve his completion percentage (47 percent in '92), then Tulsa can be an explosive offensive club. Senior flanker Gary Brown (36 catches, 560 yards) is a fine receiver and will join senior Chris Penn, who missed the entire '92 season because of academics, to form a deadly receiving

## TULSA

**LOCATION:** Tulsa, Okla.

**STADIUM:** Skelly Stadium (40,385).

**COACH:** Dave Rader (27-30 overall/and at Tulsa).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-7.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 38.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense**—Gus Frerotte, QB, 6-4, 226, Sr.; Lamont Headd, TB, 5-11, 220, Sr.; Jason Percy, HB, 6-2, 227, Sr.; Chris Penn, WR, 6-2, 193, Sr.; Gary Brown, WR/PR, 5-8, 160, Sr.; Phil Nitowski, TE, 6-3, 235, Sr.; Jay McDaniel, T, 6-8, 270, Sr.; Mark Laskey, G, 6-2, 268, Sr.; Jim Jones, C, 6-3, 265, Fr.; David Millwee, G, 6-3, 266, So.; Jason Sanders, T, 6-3, 268, Jr.; Brandon Brister, K, 5-6, 180, So.; Kenny Gunn, KR, 5-11, 178, So.

**Defense**—Sedric Clark, DE, 6-3, 247, So.; Cory Lax, DT, 6-2, 290, Jr.; Coco Butler, DT, 6-1, 274, So.; Dunstan Anderson, DE, 6-4, 255, Sr.; Billy Cole, LB, 6-2, 205, Sr.; James Bailey, LB, 6-0, 235, Sr.; Daryle Johnson, LB, 6-2, 225, Sr.; Mike Haenszel, CB, 6-2, 196, Jr.; Garrick Jackson, CB, 5-11, 185, Sr.; Dennis Hickey, FS, 6-0, 176, Sr.; James Blake, SS, 5-11, 195, Sr.; Mark DeLozier, P, 6-1, 185, So.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Gary Brown, WR; Lamont Headd, TB; Chris Penn, WR; James Blake, SS; Sedric Clark, DE; Dennis Hickey, FS; Cory Lax, DT; Gus Frerotte, QB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Jim Jones, C; Pat Denofrio, CB; Jeremy Bunch, FS; Justin Heinecke, T; Beau Desherow, DE; Sean O'Boyle, DL; Jay Patterson, LB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Barry Minter, LB; Chris Bratcher, LB; Aaron Tallman, DE; Phil Holmes, DT; Stephen Ford, FS; Chandler Norton, CB; Bill Buehner, HB; Brian Thompson, WR; Eric Lange, K; Wille Hill, CB; Marc Govi, G; J. Paul Russell, T; Lou Spanos, C.



duo. Penn caught 37 balls for 792 yards and five TDs in 1991. Senior tailback Lamont Headd (827 yards) is another talented returnee.

**Defense:** More bad news. Rader's club lost its top six tacklers from last season and has some serious rebuilding to do. One strength should be the defensive backfield, where strong safety James Blake (54 tackles) and free safety Dennis Hickey are back.

**Special Teams:** Sophomore place-kicker Brandon Brister will try to fill the big shoes of the reliable Eric Lange (19-of-23 FGs in '92), who graduated. Sophomore punter Mark DeLozier, a pleasant surprise last fall, returns after averaging 41 yards per punt in '92.

**Environment:** Rader has created high expectations by taking Tulsa to two bowl games in his first five seasons. The Golden Hurricane appear capable of putting points on the board, but will have trouble stopping folks.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Br-u-u-tal early season. Tulsa opens at Iowa, then at Houston, at home against Oklahoma State and then away against Oklahoma—all in the month of September. Ouch.

**Outlook:** The tough early season slate plus extensive personnel losses along the offensive line and on the defensive side of the ball add up to a sub-.500 season for the Golden Hurricane.

**Petersen Predicts:** 3-8.

**Bowl:** no.

## 9. TULANE

**Offense:** Six full-time starters are back for Head Coach Buddy Teevens; however, the quarterback spot is still up for grabs with a pair of sophomores—Craig Randall, a transfer from Michigan, and Tracey Watts—doing battle for the top spot. Tailback Terrance Strickland (3,800-plus career all-purpose yards) and fullback Chance Miller (2,000-plus career rushing yards) will be difficult to replace. While the backfield is littered with questions, returnee Wil Ursin (138 career receptions) is one of the top pass catchers in Tulane history, and senior center Mitch Tinsley is the standout on what looks to be a smallish offensive line.

**Defense:** All three starters up front, nose guard Reggie Davis and defensive tackles Michael Batiste and Marc Milano, are back. They're big, but slow. Speed could arrive in the person of Shawn Jones, a Miami transfer. Senior linebacker Wilbert Gilmore is undersized (6-0, 198), but tough (118 tackles). Junior free safety Mike Staid (team-high 133 tackles) has led the Green Wave in tackles the past two seasons and will join Brandon Hamilton, Willie Smith and Cedric Anderson to form a strong secondary.

**Special Teams:** Senior Chip Clark returns to handle the punting and place-kicking duties in '93. He averaged 40.8 yards per punt last season and, in limited duty, hit 1-of-2 FGs and 6-of-8 PATs.

**Environment:** Teevens, in his second season, is trying to become the first coach to make a successful transition from the Ivy League to Division I-A since Fritz Crisler left Princeton for Michigan in 1938. It won't

happen overnight.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** The Green Wave opens the season on the road against defending national champion Alabama. Things get easier until a tough five-game stretch to close the season—against Boston College, Southern Mississippi, North Carolina, LSU and Hawaii.

**Outlook:** The Green Wave, with a small offensive line and questions in the backfield, will have problems scoring points all year long. Things could get ugly.

**Petersen Predicts:** 3-8.

**Bowl:** no.

## 10. NAVY

**Offense:** If he can remain healthy, junior quarterback Jim Kubiak will give Navy something it desperately needed last year—namely, a true passing quarterback. Last fall Kubiak went down early with a season-ending shoulder injury, which forced running back Jason Van Matre to move to quarterback. Van Matre was productive running the ball (632 yards), but understandably had his problems in the passing department (47.7 completion percentage). He'll return to running back this year. The Midshipmen also have their top six receivers back, including junior Tom Pritchard (30 catches, 404 yards). Those numbers should improve with Kubiak's return and three starters back along the offensive line.

**Defense:** All-East defensive tackle Bob Kuberski is gone, leaving a gaping hole in the Middies defensive front. However, this

## NAVY

**LOCATION:** Annapolis, Md.

**STADIUM:** Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (30,000).

**COACH:** George Chaump (64-58-2 overall/7-26 at Navy).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 1-10.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Jim Kubiak, QB, 6-2, 200, Jr.; Jason Van Matre, TB, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Cleavon Smith, FB, 6-0, 209, Sr.; Tom Pritchard, SE, 6-0, 182, Jr.; Jimmy Screen, FL, 5-10, 184, Sr.; Kevin Hickman, TE, 6-4, 244, Jr.; Max Lane, T, 6-6, 283, Sr.; Dan Pidgeon, G, 6-1, 276, Sr.; Charles Puglia, C, 6-0, 249, Sr.; Zach McMechan, G, 6-2, 275, Sr.; Blair Sokol, T, 6-6, 275, Sr.; Matt Tate, K, 5-9, 202, Sr.

**Defense—**Dave Shaw, DE, 6-0, 250, Sr.; Stacey Yopp, DT, 6-1, 265, Sr.; Ty Renick, DT, 6-2, 240, Sr.; Andy Person, DE, 6-3, 225, So.; Javier Zuluaga, LB, 6-1, 225, Sr.; Shane Halloran, LB, 6-2, 217, Jr.; Grover Favors, ROV, 5-10, 200, Jr.; Chris Hart, CB, 5-8, 193, Sr.; Jonathan Wellington, CB, 5-9, 184, So.; Steve Lipsey, SS, 5-10, 185, Sr.; Michael Riggins, FS, 5-10, 168, Sr.; Brian Schrum, P, 6-3, 170, So.; Michael Jefferson, PR/KR, 5-6, 165, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Javier Zuluaga, LB; Jim Kubiak, QB; Kevin Hickman, TE; Jason Van Matre, RB (moving from QB); Tom Pritchard, SE; Max Lane, T; Chris Hart, DB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Jonathan Wellington, DB; Andy Person, DE; Cory James, DB.

**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Bob Kuberski, DT; Robert Goodson, DE; Ches Snider, DE; Chad Chatlos, DB; Chris Beck, LB; Steve Palmer, C; Dave Papp, G; Duke Ingraham, RB; Tim Rogers, K.

year's unit won't be without an all-league candidate—thanks to the return of senior linebacker Javier Zuluaga (146 tackles last fall). Navy's defensive backfield won't be the swiftest afoot, but it will be experienced with four returning starters, led by senior safety Steve Lipsey (99 tackles).

**Special Teams:** Sophomore Brian Schrum (38.7 yards per punt) returns to handle the punting; however, the kicking game remains a big question mark with the departure of two-year letterman Tim Rogers. Senior Matt Tate will try to replace Rogers, who was Navy's leading scorer last fall.

**Environment:** Head Coach George Chaump could be in trouble if the Midshipmen don't improve in '92. Back-to-back 1-10 seasons make this a make-or-break year for Chaump.

**Schedule Difficulty/Key Games:** Navy learned its lesson. In its first three games of '92 they faced Virginia, Boston College and Rutgers and were outscored by a whopping 121-0 count. This fall a number of beatable opponents (Eastern Illinois, Tulane, Air Force, Colgate and Bowling Green) dot the schedule, but the Midshipmen do have a difficult opener (at Virginia Sept. 11) and also face a tough stretch drive, which includes games with Louisville, Notre Dame, Vanderbilt and Army.

**Outlook:** Navy should be much better this fall, but it may not be that evident in the win column.

**Petersen Predicts:** 2-9.

**Bowl:** no.

## TULANE

**LOCATION:** New Orleans, La.

**STADIUM:** Louisiana Superdome (69,055).

**COACH:** Buddy Teevens (41-40-2 overall/2-9 at Tulane).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 2-9.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42.

**PROJECTED STARTERS:**

**Offense—**Craig Randall, QB, 6-3, 242, So. (transfer from Michigan); Joey Perry, TB, 5-10, 194, Jr.; Brad Ducre, FB, 5-9, 215, Jr.; Keino Turner, WR, 6-3, 199, Jr.; Wil Ursin, WR, 6-1, 191, Sr.; Scott Sanchez, TE, 6-3, 232, Jr.; Steve Schuler, T, 6-5, 245, So.; Erik Bruce, G, 6-3, 263, Jr.; Mitch Tinsley, C, 6-3, 265, Sr.; Robert Bodine, G, 6-3, 289, Sr.; Brant Byrd, T, 6-4, 255, Sr.; Chip Clark, P/K, 5-11, 187, Sr.; John Hubert, KR/PR, 5-9, 178, So.

**Defense—**Michael Batiste, DT, 6-3, 300, Sr.; Reggie Davis, NG, 6-0, 300, Sr.; Marc Milano, DT, 6-3, 253, Jr.; Michael Smartt, LB, 6-2, 229, Jr.; Wilbert Gilmore, LB, 6-0, 198, Sr.; Shane Wiegand, LB, 6-1, 230, Sr.; Ruffin Hamilton, LB, 6-2, 227, Sr.; Cedric Anderson, CB, 5-11, 185, So.; Brandon Hamilton, CB, 5-10, 175, Sr.; Willie Smith, SS, 5-9, 202, Sr.; Mike Staid, FS, 6-2, 202, Jr.

**MAKE-IT-OR-BREAK-IT PLAYERS:** Craig Randall, QB; Wil Ursin, WR; Mike Staid, FS; Brandon Hamilton, CB; Mitch Tinsley, C; Wilbert Gilmore, LB; Chip Clark, P/K; Shane Wiegand, LB.

**TOP NEWCOMERS:** Harold Williams, LB; Craig Randall, QB; Don Jackson, LB; Monte Burke, LB; Wade Porter, LB; Derrick Franklin, WR/DB; Dwight Jones, LB; Adam Moorhead, RB/DB; Horace Raymond, RB/DB.

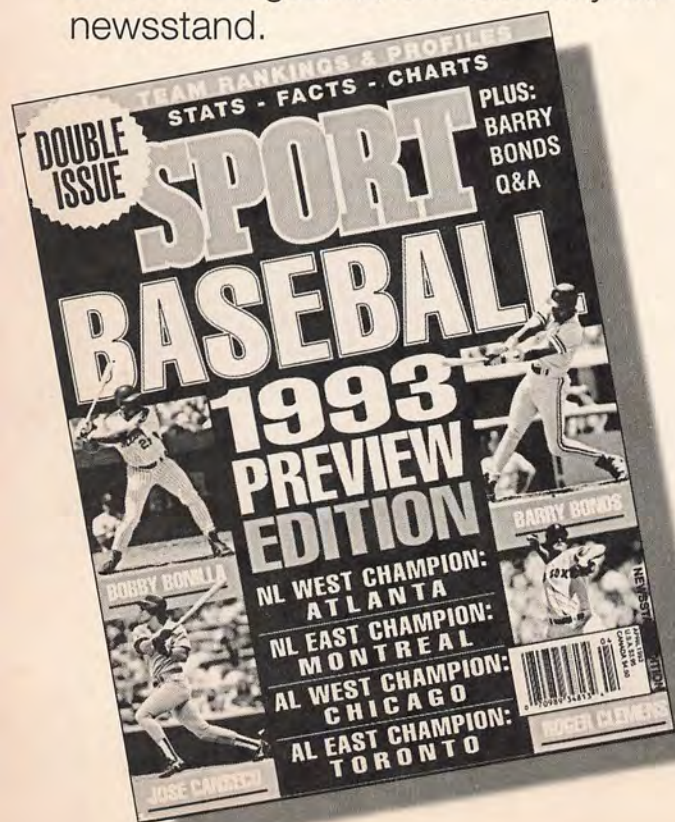
**KEY PLAYERS LOST:** Darren McGowan, LB; Gary Butler, K; Steve Ballard, WR; Chance Miller, FB; Eric Fillmore, G.



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By Darryl  
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# BIG SKY

Since 1985 no team other than Idaho or Nevada has won the Big Sky title (Idaho five titles, Nevada three). Because Nevada left the conference to join the Big West last year, it's no surprise Idaho is tabbed as the team to beat this season.

The Vandals boast the best backfield in the conference with quarterback Doug Nussmeier and running back Sherriden May in charge of the ball-handling duties.

Eastern Washington and Boise State could both make runs at Idaho (Eastern Washington behind the leadership of a strong offensive line, and Boise State anchored by a tough defense). Until someone shows they can stop Idaho—who plays at home against the aforementioned rivals—we'll stick with tradition.

## ALL-BIG SKY OFFENSE

QB—Doug Nussmeier, Idaho.

RB—Sherriden May, Idaho.

RB—Harold Wright, Eastern Washington.

WR—Tony Brooks, Eastern Washington.

WR—Mike Wilson, Boise State.

TE—Dave Deitz, Boise State.

T—Trent Pollard, Eastern Washington.

T—Jody Schnug, Idaho.

G—Harold Fox, Eastern Washington.

G—Frank Garrett, Montana.

C—Mat Groshong, Idaho.

K—Terry Belden, Northern Arizona.

KR—Kerry Lawyer, Boise State.

## DEFENSE

DT—Chris Shepherd, Boise State.

DT—Steve Filiaga, Weber State.

DE—Shawn Merz, Montana.

LB—Beau Smith, Northern Arizona.

LB—Eric Escandon, Boise State.

LB—Dan Downs, Montana.

LB—Duke Garrett, Idaho.

CB—Sean Hill, Montana State.

CB—Jackie Kellogg, Eastern Washington.

S—Morgan Ryan, Montana State.

S—Todd Ericson, Montana.

P—Terry Belden, Northern Arizona.

## 1. IDAHO

LOCATION: Moscow, Ida.

STADIUM: Kibbie-ASUI Dome (16,000).

COACH: John L. Smith (33-15 overall/33-15 at Idaho).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-3 (6-1 in Big Sky, tied 1st; lost in NCAA I-AA playoffs to McNeese State, 23-20).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 33.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Doug Nussmeier, QB; Sherriden May, RB; Jody Schnug, T; Mat Groshong, C; Alan Allen, WR; Duke Garrett, LB; Jason Shelt, LB; Miregi Huma, S.

OUTLOOK: The big names are back. QB Doug Nussmeier, who threw 22 touchdowns with only nine interceptions with a 62-percent com-

pletion rate, is a league Player of the Year candidate. RB Sherriden May led the NCAA I-AA with 25 touchdowns last year. T Jody Schnug made *The Sports Network* I-AA All-American team last year. What worries Coach John L. Smith is his new defensive starters—seven in total—might not be able to step up to championship form.

## 2. BOISE STATE

LOCATION: Boise, Ida.

STADIUM: Bronco (22,600).

COACH: Pokey Allen (64-26-2 overall/0-0 at Boise State).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6 (3-4 in Big Sky, 5th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 33.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Mike Wilson, WR; Eric Escandon, LB; Chris Shepherd, DT; Travis Stuart, QB; Dave Deitz, TE; Kerry Lawyer, WR.

OUTLOOK: Coach Pokey Allen takes over Boise State after creating a top-notch Division II program at Portland State. (Allen was 64-25-2 in seven years there.) The defense will be strong with eight of the 11 starters returning, including all-league second-team LB Eric Escandon and all-league honorable mention DT Chris Shepherd. All-Big Sky WR Mike Wilson led the conference in receptions (76) while running routes for all-league honorable mention QB Travis Stuart.

## 3. EASTERN WASHINGTON

LOCATION: Cheney, Wash.

STADIUM: Woodward Stadium (6,000).

COACH: Dick Zornes (82-63-2 overall/82-63-2 at Eastern Washington).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4 (6-1 in Big Sky, tied 1st).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 40.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Jackie Kellogg, CB; Trent Pollard, T; Harold Fox, G; Tony Brooks, WR; Jason Anderson, WR; Jason Marsh, LB; Harold Wright, RB; David Lewis, RB; Daryl Wright, RB; Todd Bennett, QB; Torresy Smith, QB.

OUTLOOK: Eastern Washington lost all four starters from a defensive line that was instrumental in allowing only 83 yards per game. All-Big Sky CB Jackie Kellogg leads a proven secondary; the linebacking corps is solid. Head Coach Dick Zornes, who took over D-line coaching duties last year, could have himself a championship ring if he gets this year's front four to perform like last year's.

## 4. MONTANA

LOCATION: Missoula, Mont.

STADIUM: Washington-Grizzly (15,100).

COACH: Don Read (120-120-1 overall/51-29 at Montana).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5 (4-3 in Big Sky, tied 3rd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 45.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Todd Ericson, S; Dan Downs, LB; Chris Morton, RB; Damon Boddie, RB; Bert Wilberger, QB; Dave Dickensen, QB; Frank Garrett, G; Scott Gragg, T; Shawn Merz, DE.

OUTLOOK: The defense is strong. S Todd Ericson, LB Dan Downs and DE Shawn Merz lead a balanced crew that should give Big Sky fits to passing and running attacks alike. Offensively, the line is strong—led by G Frank Garrett and T Scott Gragg—so whoever's behind it should be successful. But that's the question: Who'll be behind the line? At QB it's either Bert Wilberger or Dave Dickensen, and running the ball will likely be JC recruit Damon Boddie and Oregon State transfer Chris Morton RB.

## 5. MONTANA STATE

LOCATION: Bozeman, Mont.

STADIUM: Reno H. Sales (15,187).

COACH: Cliff Hysell (4-7 overall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (2-5 in Big Sky, tied 6th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 29.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Chad Mayer, QB; Clint Morton, RB; Dawson Williams, RB; Sean Hill, CB; Morgan Ryan, S; Bob Arne, T; Kerry Pribnow, T; Cory Brye, G; Martin Nava, G; Tim Hanson, C.

OUTLOOK: Montana State's top seven offensive linemen return, thus fitting in perfectly with Coach Cliff Hysell's 1993 plans to establish a running attack in Bozeman, Montana. Clint Morton (430 yards rushing) and Dawson Williams split time at the tailback position last year and should benefit the most from the experienced line. QB Chad Mayer should improve on his '92 numbers: 49-percent completion rate, six TDs and nine interceptions.

## 6. WEBER STATE

LOCATION: Ogden, Utah.

STADIUM: Wildcat Stadium (17,500).

COACH: Dave Arisianian (22-23 overall/22-23 at Weber State).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5 (4-3 in Big Sky, tied 3rd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 34.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Jantz Afuvai, LB; Rob Westervelt, QB; Von Robinson, RB; Steve Filiaga, DT; Mark Hood, CB; Derrick Beatty, CB.

OUTLOOK: Four-year starting QB Jamie Martin is gone. Rob Westervelt will likely fill part of the void left by the departure of the '91 NCAA I-AA Player of the Year. The defensive unit—which returns seven starters—grew in confidence and aggressiveness throughout the '92 season. With all those returnees, expect more of the same growth in '93.

## 7. NORTHERN ARIZONA

LOCATION: Flagstaff, Ariz.

STADIUM: J. Lawrence Walkup Skydome (15,300).

COACH: Steve Axman (12-21 overall/12-21 at Northern Arizona).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (2-5 in Big Sky, tied 6th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 37.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Beau Smith, LB; Jeff Lewis, QB; Terry Belden, K/P; Kevin Sullivan, WR; Alex Calderwood, WR.

OUTLOOK: Northern Arizona could easily have been a .500 club in '92 (five of the school's losses were for a combined 23 points). In order to do so in '93, experience must play a role. Eight defensive players return, six offensive players are back, and special teams leader—punter/kicker and all-league second-teamer Terry Belden—give a good foundation for stepping to the next level.

## 8. IDAHO STATE

LOCATION: Pocatello, Ida.

STADIUM: Holt Arena (12,000).

COACH: Randy Hoffman (3-8 overall/3-8 at Idaho State).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8 (1-6 in Big Sky, 8th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 31.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Shawn Behr, QB; Eric Alden, DB; Don Dwyer, DB; Marcus Teal, FB; Rommie Wheeler, WR; Josh Gibbs, TE; Randy Nate, K.

OUTLOOK: They're not ready to compete with the big boys, but Idaho State may be able to make a run at fourth. The Bengals return seven starters each on both sides of the ball, so look for yet another year of improvement. However, they still can't stop the run or generate much offense to speak of.

BIG SKY



# GATEWAY

son. For EIU to break into the upper ranks of the Gateway, Thorne will need to return to the form he showed in 1991 when he threw 21 TDs. Coach Spoo

will have 14 starters returning, seven on each side of the ball.

## The Gateway

Conference will see plenty of scoring, and as usual, will have Northern Iowa and Southwest Missouri State battling for the championship.

Northern Iowa loses some offensive experience, but the Panthers defense will once again be the Gateway's best. Southwest Missouri State retains 15 starters and looks to win its first conference title since 1990. Western Illinois may be the team at the top in the end, though. The Leathernecks have almost the entire defense returning and a favorable schedule.

Eastern Illinois, Illinois State, Southern Illinois and Indiana State, all 2-4 in the Gateway in '92, shouldn't fare much better this season.

## ALL-GATEWAY OFFENSE

QB—Jeff Thorne, Eastern Illinois.  
RB—David Wright, Indiana State.  
RB—Anthony Pegues,  
Southwest Missouri State.  
WR—LaVance Blanks,  
Southern Illinois.  
WR—Demetrius Dowler, Indiana State.  
TE—Josh Moulden, Western Illinois.  
OT—John Herrin, Northern Iowa.  
OT—Elbert Betts, Illinois State.  
G—Shawn Moore, Indiana State.  
G—Mike Strickland, Southern Illinois.  
C—Donald Mumma, Northern Iowa.  
PK—Scott Obermeier, Northern Iowa.  
KR—David Wright, Indiana State.

## DEFENSE

DL—Clint Cullen, Illinois State.  
DL—Casey Smith, Northern Iowa.  
DL—Tony Monroe, Northern Iowa.  
DL—Bobby Godwin,  
Southwest Missouri State.  
LB—Ken McMillan, Western Illinois.  
LB—Andre Allen, Northern Iowa.  
LB—Chris Stevens, Illinois State.  
DB—Adrian Smith,  
Southwest Missouri State.  
DB—Ray McElroy Eastern Illinois.  
DB—Shumone Burnett,  
Southwest Missouri State.  
DB—Rodney Harrison,  
Western Illinois.  
P—Tim Mosley, Northern Iowa.

## 1. NORTHERN IOWA

LOCATION: Cedar Falls, Iowa.

STADIUM: UNI-Dome (16,400).

COACH: Terry Allen (39-11 overall/and at Northern Iowa).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 12-2 (5-1 in Gateway, 1st; defeated Eastern Washington, 17-14, in first round of playoffs; defeated McNeese State, 29-7, in second round; lost to Youngstown State, 19-7, in semifinals of Div. I-AA playoffs).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Andre Allen, LB; John Herrin, OT; Jason McCleary, CB; Tony Monroe,

DT; Tim Mosley, WR/P; Donald Mumma, C; Scott Obermeier, PK; Casey Smith, DE; Ed Threatt, RB; Joseph Wallace, CB; Kurt Warner, QB.

OUTLOOK: One might think the Panthers are in trouble after losing the Gateway's Defensive Player of the Year, William Freeney, plus their leading rusher, leading receiver and quarterback, but there's no need to feel sorry for Coach Terry Allen. UNI has 14 starters back, including seven from the Gateway's best defense of a year ago. The Panthers are solid at almost every position; the only inexperience will be at the offensive skill positions. Kurt Warner will take over at quarterback, and Ed Threatt will see more playing time at tailback.

## 2. WESTERN ILLINOIS

LOCATION: Macomb, Ill.

STADIUM: Hanson Field (15,000).

COACH: Randy Ball (17-16-1 overall/and at Western Illinois).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4 (4-2 in Gateway, tied 2nd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 32.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Tim Ardis, HB; Drew Brandt, C; Shane Brinton, DT; Donald Harris, CB; Rodney Harrison, FS; Richard Huddleston, G; Adam Love, OT; Kendall McDonald, HB; Ken McMillan, LB; Josh Moulden, TE.

OUTLOOK: If Coach Randy Ball finds a suitable replacement for all-conference quarterback Donny Simmons, the Leathernecks could dethrone Northern Iowa since WIU plays the Panthers and Southwest Missouri State at home this year. Buck Yoder and Matt Seman are the likely replacements for Simmons. Defense is WIU's bread and butter, and nine starters are back, led by linebacker Ken McMillan.

## 3. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

LOCATION: Springfield, Mo.

STADIUM: Plaster Field (16,600).

COACH: Jesse Branch (44-33-1 overall/and at Southwest Missouri State).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5 (4-2 in Gateway, tied 2nd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 32.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Cleveland Antoine, QB; Shumone Burnett, S; Chuck Calhoun, WR; Dave Dow, OT; Cameron Flemming, LB; Bobby Godwin, DE; Carey Herron, S; Kenny Hutchison, G; Anthony Pegues, RB; Adrian Smith, CB.

OUTLOOK: Quarterback Cleveland Antoine, tailback Anthony Pegues and an experienced offensive line are back to lead Jesse Branch's vaunted wishbone offense. The Bears were fifth in I-AA in rushing a year ago and should be better in 1993. The defense will also be better because seven starters return, led by a strong secondary featuring Adrian Smith and Shumone Burnett.

## 4. EASTERN ILLINOIS

LOCATION: Charleston, Ill.

STADIUM: O'Brien Stadium (10,000).

COACH: Bob Spoo (33-35 overall/and at Eastern Illinois).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6 (2-4 in Gateway, tied 4th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 35.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Tim Carver, LB; James Dorsey, SS; Shavez Hawkins, LB; Chris Hicks, RB; Aaron Hill, OT; Clint Hyde, OG; Steve Largent, PK; Ray McElroy, CB; Corey Miceli, OG; Jeff Thorne, QB.

OUTLOOK: The Panthers have the most talented passer in the league in Jeff Thorne, who threw for 1,944 yards and 10 touchdowns last sea-

## 5. ILLINOIS STATE

LOCATION: Normal, Ill.

STADIUM: Hancock Stadium (15,000).

COACH: Jim Heacock (21-34 overall/and at Illinois State).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6 (2-4 in Gateway, tied 4th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 38.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Danny Barnett, QB; Elbert Betts, OT; Clint Cullen, DT; James Dowdy, FS; Corey Mackey, OT; Don Martin, SS; Willie Ross, NG; Chris Stevens, LB; Rob Wendlick, DT; Franky West, CB.

OUTLOOK: The Redbirds have 15 starters returning, including nine on defense. Defensive end Clint Cullen (6-2, 236 pounds), All-Gateway in 1992, leads this experienced bunch. The offense will need to find a replacement for All-America Toby Davis, who was second among all Division I-AA rushers with 1,561 yards. Quarterback Danny Barnett hopes to continue his strong finish from last season. Barnett threw eight TDs in the final five games, including four in the season finale.

## 6. INDIANA STATE

LOCATION: Terre Haute, Ind.

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium (20,500).

COACH: Dennis Raetz (68-76-1 overall/and at Indiana State).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (2-4 in Gateway, tied 4th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 34.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Rahsaan Baskerville, DT; Scott Crenshaw, WR; Demetrius Dowler, WR; Matt Egloff, LB; Von Ganaway, FS; Kip Hennelly, QB; Shawn Moore, G; Dustin Rusch, NT; Michael Wilson, CB; David Wright, RB.

OUTLOOK: A familiar statement to Indiana State fans—the Sycamores should pile up the points, but they may not be able to stop anyone, just like last season. In 1992 ISU was second in the Gateway in total offense, led by David Wright, who set an NCAA Division I-AA record for all-purpose yards (2,014) by a freshman. The Sycamores have seven other starters back on offense. Unfortunately, ISU gave up a school-record 345 points last year, and things don't look much better this year. One bright spot is Dustin Rusch, a 6-3, 288-pound transfer from Wisconsin, who should anchor the defensive line.

## 7. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

LOCATION: Carbondale, Ill.

STADIUM: McAndrew Stadium (17,324).

COACH: Bob Smith (15-29 overall/and at SIU).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (2-4 in Gateway, tied 4th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: LaVance Blanks, WR; Jason Jakovich, G; Jeff Johnson, TE; Matt Jones, QB; Larry Mullins, OT; Jim Murphy, LB; Mark Neal, CB; Clint Smothers, FS; Mike Strickland, G; Billy Swain, WR.

OUTLOOK: The Salukis gave up 37.2 points a game last year and lost more than half their defense. That's not a good sign in the offensive Gateway. SIU was sixth in I-AA in total offense in 1992, 459.73 yards a game, but often it didn't matter. Even so, the Salukis certainly were entertaining. Consider these scores from last year: a 50-42 loss, a 47-46 victory, a 42-38 loss, a 44-35 victory and a 41-39 loss. Wide receiver LaVance Blanks and guard Mike Strickland are the big guns back on offense, but someone, actually several someones need to step up on defense.



By Jerry Price  
Trenton (N.J.) Times

# IVY LEAGUE

**J**ay Fiedler vs. Keith Elias. The most efficient passer in Division I-AA vs. the leading rusher in Division I-AA. The Bushnell Cup winner vs. the first-team All-America. Their teams shared the title last year. How do you pick between them this time?

More than most conferences, the Ivy League in 1993 should be a showcase of two simply superior talents. Fiedler, last year's Ivy League Player of the Year, leads a devastating Dartmouth College passing attack. Elias, he of the skull-and-crossbones T-shirts and heavy metal music, can break one at any time for Princeton.

## ALL-IVY OFFENSE

QB—Jay Fiedler, Dartmouth.  
RB—Keith Elias, Princeton.  
RB—Keith Price, Yale.  
WR—John Clifford, Dartmouth.  
WR—Mike Mundt, Columbia.  
TE—Ben Holman, Penn.  
OT—Andy MacDonald, Dartmouth.  
OT—Chris Fragakis, Penn.  
OG—Walton Smith, Brown.  
OG—Keenan Smith, Yale.  
C—John Calce, Yale.  
K—Jeff Hogg, Princeton.  
KR—Terrance Stokes, Penn.

## DEFENSE

DL—Reggie Harris, Columbia.  
DL—Sean Nichols, Columbia.  
DL—Dave Betten, Penn.  
DL—Gerry LaMontagne, Dartmouth.  
LB—Chris Zingo, Cornell.  
LB—George Neos, Dartmouth.  
LB—Pat Goodwillie, Penn.  
CB—Tim Hawkes, Columbia.  
CB—Ryan Blattenberger, Cornell.  
S—Brian Mangene, Princeton.  
S—Jason Fell, Dartmouth.  
P—Matt Golden, Princeton.

## 1. DARTMOUTH

**LOCATION:** Hanover, N.H.  
**STADIUM:** Memorial Field (20,416).  
**COACH:** John Lyons (8-2 overall/and at Dartmouth).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 8-2 (6-1 in Ivy, tied 1st).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 33.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Jay Fiedler, QB; John Clifford, WR; Duncan MacLean, OG; Nat Gook, C; Gerry LaMontagne, DT; Ken Bower, DT; George Neos, LB; Ryan Spayde, LB; Joe Perry, CB; Jim McGeenhan, FS.  
**OUTLOOK:** QB Jay Fiedler led a unit that racked up 473.2 yards of total offense, 275.5 passing yards and 36.4 points per game. Most of the receiving corps returns, led by John Hyland, David Shearer and John Clifford. Four lettermen return on the offensive line, led by center Nat Cook and guard Duncan MacLean. The hole is at running back, where Ken Gordon and Brian Bajari will battle for tailback and Chris Umscheid and Matt Burkholder will vie for fullback roles. The defense, with 21 returning lettermen and eight returning starters, could be

awesome. Linebacker George Neos is as good as there is in the league.

## 2. PRINCETON

**LOCATION:** Princeton, N.J.  
**STADIUM:** Palmer Stadium (45,725).  
**COACH:** Steve Tosches (38-21-1 overall/and at Princeton).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 8-2 (6-1 in Ivy, tied 1st).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 33.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Joel Foote, QB; Keith Elias, RB; Peter Bailey, RB; Chris Cyterski, OT; Scott Miller, OG; Jim Renna, DT; Reggie Harris, DT; Nick Brophy, DE; Jonathan Reid, CB; Brian Mangene, FS.  
**OUTLOOK:** Just as any team with Fiedler will be good, the same is true with Elias. He set seven Princeton records a year ago, including the 1,575 rushing yards for a season. He rushed for more than 100 yards in every game except the one where an ankle injury limited him to three carries. He rushed for more than 200 three times. Elias was helped last year by a dominant offensive line, which returns only left tackle Chris Cyterski and left guard Scott Miller. Replacing the other three will be tough. Bruising fullback Peter Bailey will help. Joel Foote seems set at quarterback after starting eight games a year ago, though Tom McInerney might give him a run.

## 3. PENNSYLVANIA

**LOCATION:** Philadelphia, Penn.  
**STADIUM:** Franklin Field (60,546).  
**COACH:** Al Bagnoli (93-22 overall/7-3 at Penn).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-3 (5-2 in Ivy, 3rd).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 28.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Jim McGeehan, QB; Terrance Stokes, RB; Ben Holman, WR; Chris Fragakis, OT; Michael Turner, DE; David Betten, DE; Pat Goodwillie, LB; Andy Berlin, LB; James Daniels, CB; Jerel Hopkins, CB.  
**OUTLOOK:** Al Bagnoli took exactly one year to make his mark on the Quaker program, taking it from an also-ran to a squad that almost knocked off both Dartmouth and Princeton. This year anything's possible. This is a young, scary, confident team. The defense was sixth in Division I-AA and allowed only 280.7 yards per game. Linebacker Pat Goodwillie was the league's sophomore of the year last year when he led the team in tackles. Andy Berlin, Parnell Clitus and Kevin DeLuca give Penn maybe the best backers in the league.

## 4. CORNELL

**LOCATION:** Ithaca, N.Y.  
**STADIUM:** Schoellkopf Field (27,000).  
**COACH:** Jim Hofher (19-11 overall/and at Cornell).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-3 (4-3 in Ivy, 4th).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 23.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Bill Lazor, QB; Mike McKean, OT; Pat Paquette, OT; Rich George, OG; Ron Mateo, WR; Dick Emmet, DT; David Woods, DT; John Vitullo, LB; Chris Zingo, LB; Ryan Blattenberger, SS.  
**OUTLOOK:** The main man is linebacker Chris Zingo. The 5-11, 212-pound senior set a school record for tackles in a season as a sophomore—then broke it last year. He led the team in tackles, sacks, tackles for loss and blocked kicks. Junior John Vitullo joins Zingo as a linebacker, while Ryan Blattenberger will be starting for the third year at strong safety.

## 5. HARVARD

**LOCATION:** Cambridge, Mass.  
**STADIUM:** Harvard Stadium (37,967).  
**COACH:** Joe Restic (114-90-6 overall/and at Harvard).

## LAST SEASON'S RECORD:

3-7 (3-4 in Ivy, 5th).

## RETURNING LETTERMEN:

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## PLAYERS TO WATCH:

Mike Giardi, QB; Brian Ramer, LB; Jason Slavik, OT; Esan Simon, HB; Mark Begert, SE; Frank Lilly, TE; Nick Isaacson, FB; Doug Anderson, DE; Mark Hall, K; Kevin Fagan, OG.

**OUTLOOK:** QB Mike Giardi is as good as anybody in the Ivy next to Jay Fiedler, and he's dead at running Coach Restic's complex offense of fakes and misdirection. He alone gives Harvard hope. Jason Slavik, 6-4, 270, is a first-rate offensive lineman.

## 6. YALE

**LOCATION:** New Haven, Conn.  
**STADIUM:** Yale Bowl (70,896).  
**COACH:** Carm Cozza (166-92-5 overall/and at Yale).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-6 (2-5 in Ivy, tied 6th).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 29.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Steve Mills, QB; Keith Price, RB; Keenan Smith, OT; John Calce, C; Dave Iwan, WR; Carl Ricci, LB; John Saunders, LB; Mark Michels, DT; Dan Mellish, CB; Steve Gruendel, FS.  
**OUTLOOK:** The bad news is Yale slipped under .500 last year for only the eighth time in Carm Cozza's 28 years. The good news is the Bulldogs followed six of those first seven losing seasons with a winning one, including an Ivy League championship in 1989 after a 3-6-1 1988. Will this year follow that pattern? The Bulldogs return just eight starters, led by running back Keith Price. Steve Mills ran the I-Bone attack as QB, and he's the lone returning starter among the skill positions.

## 7. COLUMBIA

**LOCATION:** New York, N.Y.  
**STADIUM:** Lawrence A. Wien (17,000).  
**COACH:** Ray Tellier 27-60-1 overall/6-34 at Columbia.  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 3-7 (2-5 in Ivy, tied 6th).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 35.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Chad Andrezewski, QB; John Klosek, FB; Brian Williams, TE; Steve Miller, OG; Tony Petras, OG; Sean Nichols, DE; Adam Yeloushan, DT; Rick Brenders, OLB; Joe Hill, S; Mark Calveric, S.  
**OUTLOOK:** OK, so the Lions aren't going to be last every year. That's a huge step in the right direction. Now comes the next step, the move toward .500. Columbia lost 60-minute man Des Werthman, who ran the ball, kicked and played defense a year ago. Columbia returns quarterback Chad Andrezewski and running back John Klosek.

## 8. BROWN

**LOCATION:** Providence, R.I.  
**STADIUM:** Brown Stadium (20,000).  
**COACH:** Mickey Kwiatkowski (71-54 overall/3-27 at Brown).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 0-10 (0-7 in Ivy, 8th).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Gordie Myers, QB; Kevin Sharkey, RB; Charlie Buckley, WR; Andy Waldeck, OT; Rene Abdallah, OG; Walton Smith, OG; Shawn Birken, DE; Michael Murphy, LB; John Powers, SS; Eugene Smith, CB.  
**OUTLOOK:** Mickey Kwiatkowski was 41 games over .500 in his nine years at Hofstra, but he has struggled badly since coming to Brown four years ago. Will this year be any different? Probably not. Brown under Kwiatkowski has always had a successful offense, dubbed the "Wings and Things" attack. In 1993 there'll be a new QB, possibly sophomore Gordie Myers. Whichever of the five candidates wins the job won't have taken a varsity snap before.



**N**orth Carolina A&T State will need a repeat performance from standout backs James White and Barry Turner to repeat as MEAC champs in '93. Many feel South Carolina State and its well-balanced attack is ready to overtake the defending champs.

Delaware State will remain in the race with possible all-league pick Phillip Anderson running behind a top-caliber line. Howard has the best passing attack with topnotch quarterback Jay Walker hooking up with wide receiver Gary Harrell. Don't forget Florida A&M, who 10 months ago was the king of the MEAC, before injuries ruined what once was a 6-0 season.

### ALL-MEAC OFFENSE

QB—Jay Walker, Howard.  
RB—Tony Phillips, Morgan State.  
RB—James White,  
North Carolina A&T State.  
WR—Terry Mickens, Florida A&M.  
WR—Jessie Humphrey, Morgan State.  
TE—Willie Felton, Bethune-Cookman.  
T—Greg Middleton,  
South Carolina State.  
T—Brooks Cawley,  
Bethune-Cookman.  
G—Ivory Dillard, Florida A&M.  
G—Stanley Burris, Delaware State.  
C—Thane Watkins, Delaware State.  
K—Carl Warren,  
North Carolina A&T State.  
KR—Gary Harrell, Howard.

### DEFENSE

DE—Ervin Collier, Florida A&M.  
DE—Anthony Cook,  
South Carolina State.  
DT—Marcus Lampkin, Florida A&M.  
DT—Matthew Steeple, Morgan State.  
LB—Leevary Covington, North  
Carolina A&T State.  
LB—Terrance Carey,  
Bethune-Cookman.  
LB—Jose White, Howard.  
CB—Ken Riley, Florida A&M.  
CB—James Hester, South Carolina  
State.  
S—Brian Randall, Florida A&M.  
S—Neal Downing, Howard.  
P—Charles Poplos, Delaware State.

### 1. NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE

**LOCATION:** Greensboro, N.C.  
**STADIUM:** Aggie Stadium (17,500).  
**COACH:** Bill Hayes (123-63-2 overall/34-23-2 at North Carolina A&T).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-3 (5-1 in MEAC, 1st).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 43.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Rudy Artis, WR; James White, FB; Barry Turner, HB; Richard Lide, C; Robert Holley, T; Leevary Covington, LB; Rod McDougal, LB; Toran James, DT; Gary McCoy, DT; Carl Warren, K.

**OUTLOOK:** FB James White and HB Barry Turner make up the best backfield in the

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league and two of the three best running backs—period—in the MEAC (with much respect going to Morgan State's Tony Phillips). White rushed for 605 yards at 6.4 yards per carry, while Turner had 468 yards on 4.3 yards per carry. Look for a stellar standout season from the two that will remain second to none. With a defense headed by a crew that should be a wall to opposing running attacks, look for the Aggies to run the clock down and the score up.

### 2. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE

**LOCATION:** Orangeburg, S.C.  
**STADIUM:** Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium (14,000).  
**COACH:** Willie Jeffries (124-84-6 overall/73-33-4 at South Carolina State).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-4 (4-2 in MEAC, tied 2nd).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 41.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Marvin Marshall, QB; Dione Summers, RB; Quincy Miller, WR/KR; Freddie Solomon, WR; Greg Middleton, T; Anthony Cook, DE; James Hester, DB; Craig James, LB; David Blanchard, C.

**OUTLOOK:** MEAC Coach of the Year Willie Jeffries has a defense to work with in standouts DE Anthony Cook and the James Gang in the linebacking corps—LBs James Hester and Craig James. Offensively, RB Dione Summers will be the focal point, with linemen David Blanchard and Greg Middleton providing a better pathway than the '92 version of an O-line (Summers rushed for only 3.6 yards per carry for 587 yards last year). QB Marvin Marshall will need to continue to improve for the Bulldogs to make a run for the title.

### 3. DELAWARE STATE

**LOCATION:** Dover, Del.  
**STADIUM:** Alumni (5,000).  
**COACH:** Bill Collick (59-26 overall/and at Delaware State).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-5 (3-3 in MEAC, tied 4th).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 45.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Thane Watkins, C; Stanley Burris, G; Charles Poplos, P; Brian Randall, DB/KR; Phil Anderson, RB; Keith Jarvis, T; James Moore, LB.

**OUTLOOK:** Having to outscore opponents led to last year's mediocre season after high hopes. That same problem still exists in '93. RB Phil Anderson was third in the league in rushing last year at 67.6 yards per game, and linemen Thane Watkins and Stanley Burris give Delaware State that foundation for offensive explosion. In order to win, however, others on defense must rise toward the level of DB Brian Randall and LB James Moore and stop allowing 341 yards of offense per opponent.

### 4. HOWARD

**LOCATION:** Washington, D.C.  
**STADIUM:** William H. Greene Stadium (12,500).  
**COACH:** Steve Wilson (23-21 overall/and at Howard).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-4 (3-3 in MEAC, tied 4th).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 52.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Jay Walker, QB; Gary Harrell, WR; Rhadi Ferguson, RB; Rupert Grant, FB; Lajeremy Adamson, CB; Neal Downing, FS; Jose White, LB; Aaron Kinchen, NT; Dondre Owens, CB; David Carrington, LB.

**OUTLOOK:** The nicknames of QB Jay "Sky" Walker and WR Gary "Flea" Harrell should give you an indication of what this team plans to do on offense. The All-MEAC QB set single-season school records for completions, yards and

touchdowns, while the 5-7 Bison known as Flea caught 50 passes for 740 yards last year. Eight starters in all return on offense, and eight return on defense. Second-team All-MEAC LB Jose White leads a linebacking corps that's deep and fearsome.

### 5. FLORIDA A&M

**LOCATION:** Tallahassee, Fla.  
**STADIUM:** Bragg Memorial Stadium (25,500).  
**COACH:** Ken Riley (43-34-2 overall/and at Florida A&M).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-5 (4-2 in MEAC, tied 2nd).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 47.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Terry Mickens, WR; Ivory Dillard, G; Earl Reeves, HB; Ervin Collier, DE; Marcus Lampkin, NT; Ken Riley, CB; Julio Sanchez, G.

**OUTLOOK:** Florida A&M saw a great season turn into merely a good one last year, when injuries led to a 1-5 end-of-the-season finish, culminating with a 45-15 loss to Grambling State in the Heritage Bowl. MEAC Offensive Player of the Year Terry Mickens caught 52 passes for 900 yards en route to Black College All-American status. To break that ever-so-elusive seven-win mark, the Rattlers must have one of their quarterback candidates step up along with a running back to replace Chuck Duffey. The top contenders are QBs Tracy Weldon, Keith Brown and RBs Earl Reeves and Sha-neil Simpkins.

### 6. BETHUNE-COOKMAN

**LOCATION:** Daytona Beach, Fla.  
**STADIUM:** Memorial Stadium (10,000).  
**COACH:** Sylvester Collins (4-7 overall/and at Bethune-Cookman).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-7 (2-4 in MEAC, 6th).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 58.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Eric Hudson, DB; Willie Felton, TE; Terrance Carey, LB; Branyon Edwards, G; Jason Williams, T; Howard Smothers, C; Devon Cole, TE; Morris Nobles, WR; Kelvin Daniels, RB; Zatic Simpson, DL; Vidal Mills, LB.

**OUTLOOK:** Bethune-Cookman boasts the best two tight ends in the conference with Willie Felton (28 catches at 14.4 yards per reception) and Devon Cole (30 catches at 11.9 yards per reception). RB Kelvin Daniels rushed for 437 yards, and caught 24 passes for 196 more. In other words, look for a short-yardage passing game from this crew. As a team they averaged a low 6.2 yards per pass, but these guys can pile up first downs. If the defense can hold foes under 20, they'll win.

### 7. MORGAN STATE

**LOCATION:** Baltimore, Md.  
**STADIUM:** Hughes Stadium (10,000).  
**COACH:** Ricky Diggs (3-19 overall/and at Morgan State).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 2-9 (0-6 in MEAC, 7th).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 51.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Tony Phillips, RB; Jessie Humphrey, WR; Matthew Steeple, DT; Bernard Barnes, WR; Dante Carter, WR; Mark Roberts, LB; Kelvin Bryson, CB.

**OUTLOOK:** As a freshman Phillips landed a spot as a first-team All-MEAC RB, leading the league in all-purpose yardage with 1,467. The wide receivers, led by All-MEAC WR Jesse Humphrey, will complement the running game in a big way. Whoever quarterbacks this crew will have plenty of options to choose from. All-MEAC DT Matthew Steeple anchors a D-line that now has the experience to match its aggressiveness. It's the linebacking and secondary that has to step up and answer the questions.



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# OHIO VALLEY

Austin Peay).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:**  
3-8 (2-6 in OVC, tied 6th).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:**  
46.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Jody

**P**erennial playoff powerhouses Middle Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky will continue to rule the Ohio Valley Conference roost, and the winner of their game Nov. 13 likely will claim the title. Tennessee Tech hopes to solidify its hold on third place after gaining great strides last year. New OVC coaches Houston Nutt of Murray State and Bill Davis of Tennessee State in time will improve their programs. Still, it's becoming increasingly difficult for a team to break out of the pack and challenge Middle and Eastern, which have won or shared the last 12 Ohio Valley Conference titles.

## ALL-OHIO VALLEY OFFENSE

QB—Kelly Holcomb,  
Middle Tennessee.  
RB—Kelvin Anderson,  
Southeast Missouri.  
RB—Brigham Lyons,  
Middle Tennessee.  
WR—Kenny McCollum,  
Eastern Kentucky.  
WR—Aaron Layton,  
Southeast Missouri State.  
TE—Wes Salyer, Morehead State.  
T—Marcus Kimbrell, Murray State.  
T—Derrick Shepherd,  
Tennessee Tech.  
G—Gerod Duff, Tennessee State.  
G—Sean Coleman, Murray State.  
C—Dave Stukenberg,  
Southeast Missouri State.  
K—Garth Petrilli, Middle Tennessee.  
KR—Timmy Bland, Murray State.

## DEFENSE

DL—Chad Bratzke, Eastern Kentucky.  
DL—Shane Queen, Tennessee Tech.  
DL—Doug Berg,  
Southeast Missouri State.  
DL—Mark Snead, Austin Peay.  
LB—Maurice Draine, Tennessee Tech.  
LB—Jabbar Troutman,  
Middle Tennessee.  
LB—Jaime Phillips, Morehead State.  
CB—Randy Fuller, Tennessee State.  
CB—DeWayne Harper,  
Tennessee-Martin.  
S—Eric McBroom, Middle Tennessee.  
S—Brent Alexander, Tennessee State.  
P—Tim McNamee, Eastern Kentucky.

## 1. MIDDLE TENNESSEE

**LOCATION:** Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
**STADIUM:** Floyd Stadium (15,000).  
**COACH:** Boots Donnelly (119-65 overall/105-58 at Middle Tennessee).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 10-3 (8-0 in OVC, 1st; defeated Appalachian State 35-10, lost to Marshall 35-21 in I-AA playoffs).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 36.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Kelly Holcomb, QB; Brigham Lyons, RB; Burt Talley, C/T; Anthony

Hicks, LB; Jabbar Troutman, LB; Eric McBroom, S; Danny Lawrence, DE/LB; Mike Jordan, DT; Garth Petrilli, K.

**OUTLOOK:** The Blue Raiders routed Eastern 38-7 last year en route to winning the OVC crown outright. Middle must play the Colonels in Richmond this fall and is vulnerable. Facing losses on the offensive line and on defense, Coach Boots Donnelly still has the league's best quarterback, junior Kelly Holcomb, who was All-OVC as a sophomore. Brigham Lyons should get first call at carrying the ball.

## 2. EASTERN KENTUCKY

**LOCATION:** Richmond, Ky.  
**STADIUM:** Roy Kidd Stadium (20,000).  
**COACH:** Roy Kidd (239-84-8 overall/and at Eastern Kentucky).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-3 (7-1 in OVC, 2nd; lost to Marshall 44-0 in I-AA playoffs).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 28.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Chad Bratzke, DE; Daryle Wagner, DT; Joe Smith, S; Kenny McCollum, SE; Leon Brown, FL/KR; Carlo Stallings, FB.  
**OUTLOOK:** The Colonels lost only three games last year—by 32, 31 and 44 points. Coach Roy Kidd is changing defenses so such things won't happen again. Eastern will take the 4-3 approach rather than the 5-2 method and put plenty of speed in the secondary. All-American candidate Chad Bratzke anchors the defensive front. The Colonels have an abundance of talented receivers, so look for more passing from quarterbacks Ron Jones and Greg Couch.

## 3. TENNESSEE TECH

**LOCATION:** Cookeville, Tenn.  
**STADIUM:** Tucker Stadium (16,500).  
**COACH:** Jim Ragland (26-49 overall/and at Tennessee Tech).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-4 (6-2 OVC, 3rd).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 44.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Maurice Draine, LB; Shane Queen, DE; Willie Queen, RB; Gerald Bentley, WR; Derrick Shepherd, OT.  
**OUTLOOK:** The Golden Eagles return nine starters on offense and seven on defense after a 6-2 OVC campaign last year, their first above .500 since 1978. To rise higher, though, Tech must beat rival Middle Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky. They'll try to accomplish that this fall with a veteran offensive line, top runner Willie Queen and quarterback Randy Beaman. Queen, a junior, rushed for 1,228 yards last season.

## 4. MOREHEAD STATE

**LOCATION:** Morehead, Ky.  
**STADIUM:** Jayne Stadium (10,000).  
**COACH:** Cole Proctor (12-21 overall/and at Morehead State).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 3-8 (3-5 in OVC, 5th).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 25.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Jaime Phillips, LB; Don Mathews, LB; Mike Duval, LB; Barry Clark, S; Mark Rice, NG; Stuart Cook, OG; Mike Snell, OG; Jeremy Holbrook, QB.  
**OUTLOOK:** Eagle coach Cole Proctor is promising a more wide-open attack in hopes of reversing Morehead's losing ways. Incumbent Jeremy Holbrook had a good spring at quarterback and may be at the controls this fall. Five starters return on each side of the line. Linebacker Jaime Phillips could contend for OVC Player of the Year honors.

## 5. AUSTIN PEAY

**LOCATION:** Clarksville, Tenn.  
**STADIUM:** Municipal Stadium (10,000).  
**COACH:** Roy Gregory (8-14 overall/and at

Smith, FB; Samy Hillman, RB/KR; Mark Snead, DE; Rod Crutchfield, DE; Fred Waters, LB.  
**OUTLOOK:** Coach Roy Gregory is excited as he enters his third season, but the Governors have some questions. Who'll be the quarterback? Incumbents David Stooksbury and Daniel Williams will battle for the starting call as they did last year. Senior fullback Jody Smith was the offensive MVP in '92.

## 6. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI STATE

**LOCATION:** Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
**STADIUM:** Houck Stadium (10,000).  
**COACH:** John Mumford (12-20 overall/and at SE Missouri).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 2-9 (2-6 in OVC, tie 6th).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 22.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Kelvin Anderson, RB; Aaron Layton, WR; Dave Stukenberg, C; Antoine Esters, RB; Doug Berg, DT; Donzell Barnes, LB; John Howze, WR.  
**OUTLOOK:** Running back Kelvin Anderson didn't make the All-OVC first or second teams, but he received All-America mention in his first year of varsity play. The junior, who was third in the country with 137.1 yards a game, will play behind a new quarterback since record-holder Jason Liley has departed.

## 7. TENNESSEE STATE

**LOCATION:** Nashville, Tenn.  
**STADIUM:** Hale Stadium (16,000).  
**COACH:** Bill Davis (102-49-1 overall; first year at Tennessee State).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6 (5-3 in OVC, 4th).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 44.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Randy Fuller, CB; Brent Alexander, S; Cedric Davis, CB; Darron Davis, RB; Marcus Moye, FB; Chad McCollam, RB.  
**OUTLOOK:** New coach Bill Davis brings a winning record from South Carolina State and, most recently, Savannah State to TSU. Chad Germany has had experience at the quarterback... Randy Fuller is drawing All-American attention at cornerback.

## 8. MURRAY STATE

**LOCATION:** Murray, Ky.  
**STADIUM:** Roy Stewart Stadium (16,800).  
**COACH:** Houston Nutt (first year as head coach).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 2-9 (1-7 in OVC, 9th).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Timmy Bland, TB/KR; Marcus Kimbrell, OT; Anthony Hutch, DE; Mike Gossett, C; Sean Coleman, OG.  
**OUTLOOK:** The Racers will have a distinctive Arkansas flavor this fall because new coach Houston Nutt, a former Razorback aide, enlisted nine recruits from his "old" state, including quarterback Reuel Shepherd. Nutt has installed the I-formation and the 4-3 defense, and several Racers have changed positions.

## 9. TENNESSEE-MARTIN

**LOCATION:** Martin, Tenn.  
**STADIUM:** Pacer Stadium (7,500).  
**COACH:** Don McLeary (43-54 overall/33-46 at UT-Martin).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 3-8 (2-6 in OVC, tied 6th).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 33.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Tab Vowell, S; DeWayne Harper, CB; Tim Wright, LB; Trevor Hurst, C; Charles Malone, WR; J.B. Normont, OT.  
**OUTLOOK:** The Pacers face a season of uncertainty after coach Don McLeary put down a player revolt. Will the wounds heal enough for UT-Martin to recover this fall? McLeary has a veteran offensive line and a top runner in William Parson.



# PATRIOT

By Bill Doherty

Lehigh quarterback Scott Semptimphelter entered last season as a major question mark—having spent his first two seasons carrying a clipboard. What a difference a year makes. Semptimphelter enters the '93 season as a serious All-America candidate, thanks to an outstanding junior year in which he threw for a league-leading 3,190 yards and 19 TD passes. Semptimphelter is just one of 16 returning starters (8 on offense, 8 on defense) for Lehigh—the favorite to win this year's Patriot League championship.

## ALL-PATRIOT OFFENSE

QB—Scott Semptimphelter, Lehigh.  
RB—Erik Marsh, Lafayette.  
RB—Bill Sparacio, Colgate.  
WR—Dave Cecchini, Lehigh.  
WR—Chris Summers, Holy Cross.  
TE—Craig Roubinek, Lafayette.  
T—Todd Kehley, Colgate.  
T—Frank Visconti, Holy Cross.  
G—Dave Pyne, Lafayette.  
G—Doug Scott, Lehigh.  
C—Ed Frattarelli, Bucknell.  
K—Jason McLaughlin, Lafayette.  
KR—Jarrett Shine, Lafayette.

## DEFENSE

DL—Aaron Dougherty, Fordham.  
DL—Pete Ohnegian, Lafayette.  
DL—Ed Sasso, Lafayette.  
DL—Ryan Reinert, Fordham.  
LB—Kevin Jefferson, Lehigh.  
LB—Rob Milanette, Holy Cross.  
LB—Russ Strohecker, Bucknell.  
DB—Todd Araujo, Holy Cross.  
DB—Tom Barrett, Colgate.  
DB—Mark Reardon, Lafayette.  
DB—Ryan Cook, Colgate.  
P—Jeff Meader, Holy Cross.

## 1. LEHIGH

LOCATION: Bethlehem, Pa.  
STADIUM: Goodman Stadium (16,000).  
COACH: Hank Small (40-36-1 overall/and at Lehigh).  
LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8 (2-3 in Patriot, tied 3rd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 27.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Scott Semptimphelter, QB; Dave Cecchini, WR; Doug Scott, OG; Marcelo Campillay, OT; Mark Lookenbill, TB; Kevin Jefferson, LB; Michael Blunt, DB; Lance Hayes, LB; Craig Melograno, P; Jason Mastropiero, FB.

OUTLOOK: Lehigh will try to lead the league in passing for a sixth straight season with the return of senior quarterback Scott Semptimphelter and senior wideouts Dave Cecchini and Kevin Rubin. Three of Lehigh's five starting offensive linemen are also back, along with Mark Lookenbill—an excellent all-around running back, who was granted a fifth

year of eligibility by the NCAA after suffering an early season knee injury in '92. Defensively, Lehigh should be tough with eight returning starters, including senior linebacker Kevin Jefferson (team-high 110 tackles in '92).

## 2. HOLY CROSS

LOCATION: Worcester, Mass.  
STADIUM: Fitton Field (23,500).  
COACH: Peter Vaas (35-16-1 overall/6-5 at Holy Cross).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5 (4-1 in Patriot, 2nd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 31.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Rob Milanette, LB; Mark Kirk, LB; Todd Araujo, SS; Andy Fitzpatrick, QB; Frank Visconti, OT; Eric Sampson, RB; Chris Summers, WR; Therman McDaniel, DT; Jeff Meader, P.

OUTLOOK: If anyone can keep Lehigh from the top spot, it appears to be Holy Cross, which has won the Patriot League five times in its seven-year existence. The Crusaders, under second-year head coach Peter Vaas, should have a more prolific offense this year with sophomore quarterback Andy Fitzpatrick (972 yards, 4 TDs, 9 INTs) getting more comfortable at the helm in his second year. Fitzpatrick's numbers should improve, thanks to the return of senior all-league candidate Chris Summers (41 catches, 588 yards). Seniors Eric Sampson and Scott Wikander are just two of the five returning lettermen at the running back position. Defensively, Vaas will rebuild around his two All-America candidates, linebacker Rob Milanette (143 tackles) and strong safety Todd Araujo (52 tackles, 5 INTs).

## 3. LAFAYETTE

LOCATION: Easton, Pa.  
STADIUM: Fisher Field (13,750).  
COACH: Bill Russo (89-69-1 overall/74-54-1 at Lafayette).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 8-3 (5-0 in Patriot, 1st).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 34.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Erik Marsh, RB; Craig Roubinek, TE; Dave Pyne, OG; Pete Ohnegian, DE; Mark Reardon, DB; Ed Sasso, DT; Jarrett Shine, WR; Obi Luckett, LB; Jo Jo Herndon, DB; Jason McLaughlin, K.

OUTLOOK: The defending champs lost a passel of players and two key assistant coaches to other schools, but don't expect the Leopards to freefall too far in the standings. Offensively, quarterback Tom Kirchhoff, the '92 Patriot League MVP and one of the top-rated passers in I-AA football, has graduated. The Leopards have a serious league MVP candidate this year in junior running back Erik Marsh. Marsh was fifth among I-AA runners in '92 (136.5 ypg), but he'll need help. Veteran head coach Bill Russo must replace Kirchhoff and three offensive linemen or else teams will key on Marsh. On the defensive side of the ball Russo has two of the league's top linemen in Pete Ohnegian and Ed Sasso. The Leopards' defensive backfield should also be strong with Mark Reardon and Jo Jo Herndon back.

## 4. COLGATE

LOCATION: Hamilton, N.Y.  
STADIUM: Andy Kerr Stadium (10,221).  
COACH: Ed Sweeney (56-22-3 overall/first season at Colgate).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (2-3 in Patriot, tied 3rd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 25.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Bill Sparacio, RB; Todd Kehley, OT; Glen Eisenberg, WR; Mike

Boorman, OL; Tony Barrett, SS/LB; Ryan Cook, DB; Corey Hurst, DB; John Soi, DE; Chris Lane, QB.

OUTLOOK: First-year head coach Ed Sweeney, fresh from turning around the football fortunes at Division III Dickinson College, will try to perform the same trick at Colgate. A helpful hint: Ease up the schedule a bit, Ed. The Red Raiders open the season with Division I-A Rutgers and Army, making a fast start a virtual impossibility. Sweeney will no doubt build his offense around senior running back Bill Sparacio, a two-time all-league selection. However, the big question is who will play quarterback? Five untested hands are in the running to replace the multi-talented Jim Russell (4,155 career passing yards). Sweeney has so much retooling to do on defense he might need a building variance. Gone are three of the team's top four defensive linemen and two starting linebackers. Sweeney will have an experienced secondary with seniors Tony Barrett (who may move to linebacker) and Ryan Cook returning.

## 5. BUCKNELL

LOCATION: Lewisburg, Pa.  
STADIUM: Christy Mathewson Memorial Stadium (13,100).

COACH: Lou Maranzana (17-25 overall/and at Bucknell).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 4-7 (1-4 in Patriot, tied 5th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 34.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Russ Strohecker, LB; Ed Frattarelli, C; Travis Kopp, QB; Brad Bernardini, WR; Mark Gentile, TE; Cecil Boone, DE; Dan Zappa, LB; Damon Garner, WR; Jim Jaroschak, SS; Todd Jessup, FS.

OUTLOOK: Bucknell's '92 team poses more questions than a "Jeopardy" contestant. Junior quarterback Travis Kopp is talented, but has suffered season-ending injuries the past two years. Head Coach Lou Maranzana must also replace his top two runners, an All-America receiver and three starting offensive linemen. Four of his top five defensive linemen are also gone, however senior DE Cecil Boone (44 tackles) is a good one. Looking for bright spots? Linebackers Russ Strohecker and Dan Zappa are back. The duo combined for 213 tackles (Strohecker 109, Zappa 104) last year.

## 6. FORDHAM

LOCATION: Bronx, N.Y.  
STADIUM: Jack Coffey Stadium (7,000).  
COACH: Larry Glueck (29-41-1 overall/and at Fordham).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 1-9 (1-4 in Patriot, tied 5th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 30.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Aaron Dougherty, DL; Ryan Reinert, DL; Aaron Torgler, DL; Mike Wilt, CB; Chris Ross, RB; John Strauss, TE; Rob Birk, OT; Dave Kniese, OG; Jason Jacobs, LB; Darren Wallace, RB.

OUTLOOK: The Rams have a number of gaping holes to fill. Head Coach Larry Glueck must find an answer at quarterback, as well as replacements for the top receiving tandem in Fordham history—Tom Garlick and John Potamouisis. Glueck does, however, have an experienced offensive line and junior running back Chris Ross (416 yards) showed promise in '92. Defensively, All-America linebacker Mark Blazejewski and his 400-plus career tackles are gone. The strength of a weak Rams' team should be its defensive line, where Aaron Dougherty, Ryan Reinert and Aaron Torgler all return.



# SOUTHERN

By Tim Peeler

*The Greenville (S.C.) Piedmont*

Just when Marshall is prepared to become the league's dominant team, all these challengers arrive. The Southern Conference is as balanced and up-in-the-air as ever before going into 1993.

Western Carolina is the No. 1 challenger, but newcomer Georgia Southern has four Division I-AA championships on its resume, and Furman has more league titles than anyone.

## ALL-SOUTHERN OFFENSE

QB—Lonnie Galloway, Western Carolina.

RB—James Roberts, Tennessee-Chattanooga.

RB—Everette Sands, Citadel.

WR—Scott Dykes, East Tennessee State.

WR—Craig Aiken, Western Carolina.

TE—DeMarco Kemp, Tennessee-Chattanooga.

T—Chris Deaton, Marshall.

T—John Ludwig, Furman.

G—Miguel Ayoub, Georgia Southern.

G—Brad Ohrt, Appalachian State.

C—Bobby Kaylor, East Tennessee State.

P—Kenny Pauley, Western Carolina.

PK David Merrick, Marshall.

KR—Kerry Hayes, Western Carolina.

## DEFENSE

DL—Alex Mash, Georgia Southern.

DL—Tony Johnson, Western Carolina.

DL—Jake Erhard, Citadel.

DL—Ryan Livezey, Furman.

LB—Milan Sterling, Furman.

LB—Shannon King, Marshall.

LB—Brent David, Appalachian State.

DB—Julius Grant, Western Carolina.

DB—Andre Worrell, Furman.

DB—Brandon Rozzelle, Georgia Southern.

DB—Tony Ballard, Tennessee-Chattanooga.

## 1. MARSHALL

LOCATION: Huntington, W. Va.

STADIUM: Marshall Stadium (28,000).

COACH: Jim Donnan (29-12 overall/and at Marshall).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 12-3 (Division I-AA national champions; 5-2 in Southern, tied 2nd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 61.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Todd Donnan, QB; Glenn Pedro, RB; Chris Deaton, OL; Rodney Garrett, DL; Shannon King, LB; William King, LB; Donahue Stephenson, LB.

OUTLOOK: Todd Donnan, the coach's son, must step in for All-America quarterback Michael Payton, and the backfield is also loaded, with leading rusher Glenn Pedro and Chris Parker. On defense the Herd linebacking three—some of William King, Shannon King and Donahue Stephenson is fearsome.

## 2. WESTERN CAROLINA

LOCATION: Cullowhee, N.C.

STADIUM: E.J. Whitmire Stadium (12,000).

COACH: Steve Hodgins (12-21 overall/and at Western Carolina).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4 (5-2 in Southern, tied 2nd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 41.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Lonnie Galloway, QB; Kevin Thigpen, TB; Kerry Hayes, FL; Craig Aiken, SE; Thomas Jackson, OT; Tony Johnson, NG; Julius Grant, DB.

OUTLOOK: With mostly juniors and seniors this season they could contend for a long time. Coach Steve Hodgins has the best receiving tandem in the league in all-purpose superstar Kerry Hayes and Craig Aiken.

## 3. GEORGIA SOUTHERN

LOCATION: Statesboro, Ga.

STADIUM: Paulson Stadium (18,000).

COACH: Tim Stowers (26-11 overall/and at GSU).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4 as Division I-AA independent.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 46.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Charles Bostick, QB; James Williams, FB; Shafon Fraley, RB; Chris Wright, RB; Miguel Ayoub, OG; Alex Mash, DT; Brandon Rozzelle, CB.

OUTLOOK: The Eagles return 19 of their 22 starters, including All-America Alex Mash at defensive tackle and the backfield on offense. The Eagles present three imposing linebackers, plus the Monster Mash up front and three of their four starting defensive backs returning from a defense that pitched three shutouts last year.

## 4. FURMAN

LOCATION: Greenville, S.C.

STADIUM: Paladino Stadium (16,000).

COACH: Jimmy Satterfield (61-24-2 overall/and at Furman).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-5 (4-3 in Southern, 5th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 47.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Philly Jones, QB; Damon Bradley, FL; John Ludwig, OT; Rod Green, FB; Mike Hardy, DL; Milan Sterling, ILB; Ryan Livezey, DE; Andre Worrell, DB.

OUTLOOK: Satterfield moved Milan Sterling, a first-team all-conference player at defensive end, to inside linebacker for his senior year. Jones is an option quarterback in the mold of Bobby Lamb who has full control of the offense. Satterfield will try to hide some inexperience in the offensive line by using more of the shotgun formation.

## 5. THE CITADEL

LOCATION: Charleston, S.C.

STADIUM: Johnson Hagood Memorial (22,500).

COACH: Charlie Taaffe (42-23-1 overall/and at The Citadel).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 12-2 (6-1 in Southern, 1st; ranked No. 1 in final I-AA poll; lost to Youngstown State in second round of I-AA playoffs).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 34

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Everette Sands, FB; Erick Little, RB; Damond Boatwright, WR; C.J. Haynes, QB; Garrett Sizer, DE; Jake Erhard, DT; Mike Wideman, LB; Micah Young, LB; Dan Johnson, DB; Detric Cummings, DB.

OUTLOOK: Maybe this version of the Bulldogs' wishbone offense should be called The Replacements. Only two starters from the offense that led the nation in rushing a year ago are back. The comforting news for Coach Charlie Taaffe is that nearly all of his defense will return, including linebacker tandem Mike Wideman and Micah Young.

## 6. APPALACHIAN STATE

LOCATION: Boone, N.C.

STADIUM: Kidd Brewer Stadium (18,000).

COACH: Jerry Moore (30-17 overall/and at Appalachian State).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-5 (5-2 in Southern, tied 2nd; lost to Middle Tennessee State, 35-10, in first round of I-AA playoffs).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Andy Arnold, QB; Chip Hooks, TB; Johnny Smith, FB; Craig Styron, WR; Brad Ohrt, OT; Brent David, LB.

OUTLOOK: On the hot seat is senior quarterback Andy Arnold, who's played sparingly in his three years behind Campbell. Brent David is one of the premier defenders in the conference. Moore has the luxury of depth on his bench, but the Mountaineers will have meager expectations from outside because of the uncertainty and inexperience in the starting lineup.

## 7. TENNESSEE-CHATTANOOGA

LOCATION: Chattanooga, Tenn.

STADIUM: Chamberlain Field (10,501).

COACH: Tommy West (first year at Tennessee-Chattanooga).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 2-9 (0-7 in Southern, 8th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 39.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Kenyon Earl, QB; Jerry Ellison, RB; James Roberts, RB; Demarko Kemp, TE; Dwayne Bynum, LB; Tony Ballard, CB; Tirone McKenzie, DB; Jack Parks, DB.

OUTLOOK: Tailback James Roberts, a former conference Freshman of the Year who sat out last year with a knee injury, is expected to return with dangerous quarterback Kenyon Earl, who had a disappointing and injury-filled sophomore campaign.

## 8. EAST TENNESSEE STATE

LOCATION: Johnson City, Tenn.

STADIUM: Memorial Center (12,000).

COACH: Mike Cavan (42-28-2 overall/5-6 at East Tennessee State).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6 (2-5 in Southern, 8th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 30.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Gabe Berry, QB; Derrick Hollins, TB; Neil Abney, FB; Scott Dykes, WR; Chris Beatty, WR; Bobby Kaylor, C; Chad Ratcliffe, DT; Mo Kelly, DB; Pat Crust, PK.

OUTLOOK: Coach Mike Cavan believes his team has some talent—especially in wide receiver Scott Dykes, quarterback Gabe Berry and strong safety Mo Kelly—but probably not enough to compete with the league's upper division. He's working to get there, though.

## 9. VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

LOCATION: Lexington, Va.

STADIUM: Alumni Memorial (10,000).

COACH: Jim Shuck (13-30-1 overall/and at VMI).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3-8-1 (1-6 in Southern, 7th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Erik Reynolds, QB; Marlon Anderson, WR; Rob Clark, RB; Bryant McMillan, RB; Eric Walker, RB; Charles Sanders, OG; Camillus Musselman, LB; Dewayne Arcadie, DB; Terry Tucker, DB.

OUTLOOK: Coach Jim Shuck's wishbone has been successful, but that was with an experienced quarterback and offensive line. He has neither in 1993. He does have a slew of running backs and some experience on defense, but the Keydets aren't likely to rise any further than last season.

SOUTHERN



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# SOUTHLAND

## 5. STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

**LOCATION:** Nacogdoches, Texas.

**STADIUM:** Homer Bryce Stadium (14,575).

**COACH:** John Pearce (3-8 overall/and at Stephen F. Austin).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 3-8 (1-6 in SLC, 7th).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 51.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Leonard Harris, RB; Scott Griggs, C; Cedric Walker, S; Michael Everhart, LB; Willie Mitchell, LB; Chris Roberson, DT; Mike Pearce, WR; Kelly Lokey, DE; Cally Belcher, DB; Christian Fontana, K.

**OUTLOOK:** One of the most improved teams in the league this season should be Stephen F. Austin. Coach John Pearce's first two recruiting classes were rated the best in the SLC by some experts. The one question mark is quarterback, a position hit hard by injuries last season. Redshirt sophomore James Ritchey appeared to have the inside track at the position during spring drills, but senior Mike Goddard and redshirt sophomore Blake Armstrong were close.

## 6. NORTHWESTERN STATE

**LOCATION:** Natchitoches, La.

**STADIUM:** Turpin Stadium (15,971).

**COACH:** Sam Goodwin (66-63-4 overall/57-52-3 at NWLA).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-4 (4-3 in SLC, 3rd).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 39.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Marcus Spears, OT; Neal Sharkey, OT; Fred Thompson, S; Deon Ridgell, TB; George Paul, OG; Brad Laird, QB; Edward Moses, LB; Don Butler, CB; Jerome Keys, LB; Rodney King, NT.

**OUTLOOK:** The Demons overachieved last season. They'll have to find a QB, however, in order to equal or surpass that record. Brad Laird has experience at the position, but missed most of last season with a shoulder injury. He'll be challenged by JC transfer Tony Taylor.

## 7. SAM HOUSTON

**LOCATION:** Huntsville, Texas.

**STADIUM:** Bowers Stadium (14,000).

**COACH:** Ron Randleman (151-98-2 overall/64-56-3 at Sam Houston).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-3-2 (3-2-2 in SLC, 4th).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Charles Harris, TB; Kevin Johnson, OG; Donald Henson, OT; Dana Sherman, FB; Zenon Flores, DE; Mitchell Moore, S; Ray Malone, DT; Jimmie Roberson, RB; Blake Vincent, WR; Kevin Riley, DB.

**OUTLOOK:** Normally a front-runner in the league, youth will have to develop at a frenzied pace for the Bearcats to threaten. The Bearcats return only eight starters from last year's 6-3-2 team.

## 8. NICHOLLS STATE

**LOCATION:** Thibodaux, La.

**STADIUM:** John L. Guidry Stadium (12,800).

**COACH:** Rick Rhoades (32-14-1 overall/first year at Nicholls State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 1-9-1 (0-6-1 in SLC, 8th).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 50.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Kyle Acosta, DL; Brett Adams, LB; Darryl Pounds, DB; Clyde Washington, RB; Henri Ransefore, QB; Brett Adams, LB; Demetrius Crawford, LB.

**OUTLOOK:** There's nowhere to go but up for Nicholls State. Guidry Stadium took an indirect hit by Hurricane Andrew before the Colonels' season opener last year. The Colonels were beaten by an average of 24.5 points a game. The good news for Rhoades is he inherits a program that returns 16 starters. Highlighting the starters is DB Darryl Pounds, one of the top I-AA players at his position.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 47.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Terry Irving, LB; Kerry Joseph, QB; Henry Fields, TB; Dana Scott, DE; Eric Kidd, DT; Sam Breaux, C.

**OUTLOOK:** The Cowboys have the ingredients to pull away from the rest of the SLC and establish themselves as one of the nation's top Division I-AA teams. QB Kerry Joseph, the league's top freshman last year, is cool under pressure. He totaled 1,570 yards, threw for eight TDs and rushed for four others. RB Henry Fields gained 1,198 yards and should be primed for a monster campaign.

## 2. SOUTHWEST TEXAS

**LOCATION:** San Marcos, Texas.

**STADIUM:** Bobcat Stadium (14,104).

**COACH:** Jim Bob Helduser (5-5-1 overall/and at Southwest Texas).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-5-1 (2-4-1 in SLC, 6th).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 36.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** John Hygh, QB; Spicer Sigman, C; Scott Smith, FB; Derek Bailey, OT; Wes Campbell, OT; Nelson Robinson, DB; Brian McCray, CB; Ray Whitehead, PK; Charlie Nelson, OG; Scott Moore, WR.

**OUTLOOK:** The hard-luck team of the SLC last season was Southwest Texas. The Bobcats were a Top 20 team early last year, but dropped to sixth place in the league after failing to win the close games. Southwest Texas' five losses were by a total of 20 points. Offense, as usual, will carry the Bobcats since seven starters return.

## 3. NORTH TEXAS

**LOCATION:** Denton, Texas.

**STADIUM:** Fouts Field (20,000).

**COACH:** Dennis Parker (7-14-1 overall/and at UNT).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-7 (3-4 in SLC, 5th).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 32.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Mitch Maher, QB; Terrance Brown, RB; Richard DeFelice, K; Clayton George, WR; Luis Silva, TE; Shawn Hicks, LB; Umoja Gibson, CB; Brian Gothard, C; Scott Dukatnik, OT; Kent Englehardt, OT.

**OUTLOOK:** It's likely North Texas will start the season 0-1 since it opens with Nebraska. After the Eagles play the Cornhuskers, look out. The Eagles can't go wrong at QB with either Mitch Maher or Benny Valentine. RB Terrance Brown gained 976 yards and "is the best running back in the league," says Head Coach Dennis Parker.

## 4. NORTHEAST LOUISIANA

**LOCATION:** Monroe, La.

**STADIUM:** Malone Stadium (30,573).

**COACH:** Dave Roberts (54-47-3 overall/28-17-2 at NLU).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 10-3 (7-0 in SLC, 1st; lost in second round of I-AA playoffs by Delaware).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 38.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Robert Cobb, QB; Kendall Bussey, RB; Irving Spikes, RB; James Folston, LB; Dennis Bamberg, WR; Lennie Jenkins, DT; Phillip King, LB; Dale Branch, CB; Sammie Fudge, FB; Duke Doctor, WR.

**OUTLOOK:** Simply put, newcomers and transfers will have to produce for NLU to contend in what will be its final year at the I-AA level. Gone is the starting backfield of Roosevelt Potts and Greg Robinson, but in camp will be two highly publicized RB transfers—Kendall Bussey of Colorado and Irving Spikes of Alabama.

There seems to be a changing of the guard in the Southland Conference this season. Really, that's not surprising. The SLC has been proof positive of the saying "the more things change, the more they stay the same."

In the last five years only one school—Northeast Louisiana—has won two titles. The Indians swept through the Southland Conference last season with a 7-0 mark and held the nation's No. 1 ranking into the playoffs.

No SLC team, however, was hit harder by graduation than Northeastern Louisiana, which is making a farewell tour of Division I-AA this season before graduating to I-A next year. With that in mind the early money is on McNeese State, a playoff team the last two years.

## ALL-SOUTHLAND OFFENSE

QB—Kerry Joseph, McNeese State.

RB—Henry Fields, McNeese State.

RB—Terrance Brown, North Texas.

WR—Clayton George, North Texas.

WR—Duke Doctor,

Northeast Louisiana.

TE—Luis Silva, North Texas.

T—Marcus Spears,

Northwest Louisiana.

T—Neal Sharkey, Northwestern State.

G—Blayne Rush, McNeese State.

G—Kevin Johnson,

Sam Houston State.

C—Spicer Sigman,

Southwest Texas State.

K—Richard DeFelice, North Texas.

KR—Dennis Bamberg,

Northeast Louisiana.

## DEFENSE

DL—Dana Scott, McNeese State.

DL—Eric Kidd, McNeese State.

DL—Victor Carr, Southwest Texas.

DL—Chris Roberson,

Stephen F. Austin.

LB—Terry Irving, McNeese State.

LB—Edward Moses,

Northwest Louisiana.

LB—James Folston,

Northeast Louisiana.

CB—Brian McCray, Southwest Texas.

CB—Darryl Pounds, Nicholls State.

S—Fred Thompson,

Northwest Louisiana.

S—Cedric Walker, Stephen F. Austin.

P—Pat Neck, McNeese State.

## 1. McNEESE STATE

**LOCATION:** Lake Charles, La.

**STADIUM:** Cowboy Stadium (20,000).

**COACH:** Bobby Keasler (21-13-2 overall/and at McNeese State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 9-4 (6-1 in SLC, 2nd; lost in I-AA quarter-finals to Northern Iowa).



# SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC

**H**ow can you pick against a coach who has a stadium named after him while he's still coaching? Eddie Robinson is one of football's greatest coaches ever, and he showed he's still on top of his game after 53 seasons while leading Grambling State to its ninth Black College National Championship last year.

Alcorn State and its quarterback Steve "Air" McNair have what it takes to unseat Grambling. After all, 46 Brave lettermen return from last year's squad that went 7-0 in the SWAC (although they did go 0-4 out of conference).

Who knows? Jackson State may have the defense that foils the greatest of the aforementioned teams.

## ALL-SWAC OFFENSE

QB—Steve McNair, Alcorn State.  
RB—Eric Gant, Grambling State.  
RB—Harry Brown Jr., Alcorn State.  
WR—Joe Rogers, Texas Southern.  
WR—Marcus Hinton, Alcorn State.  
TE—Isiah Bliss, Jackson State.  
T—Robert Gaddy, Alcorn State.  
T—Roderick Henderson, Grambling State.  
G—Michael Ellis, Alcorn State.  
G—Darius Alexander, Texas Southern.  
C—Joe Burch, Texas Southern.  
K—Gilad Landau, Grambling State.  
KR—Ernest Pate, Jackson State.

## DEFENSE

DL—D.J. Hollie, Jackson State.  
DL—Eric Alexander, Mississippi Valley State.  
DL—Phearthur Edwards, Jackson State.  
DL—Eric Fontenot, Grambling State.  
LB—Marlo Perry, Jackson State.  
LB—Fernando Smith, Jackson State.  
LB—Vingi Johnson, Jackson State.  
DB—Sean Wallace, Southern.  
DB—Terry Arnold, Jackson State.  
DB—LeCorey Harvest, Alabama State.  
DB—Eric Austin, Jackson State.  
S—Eric Ward, Alcorn State.  
P—Brannon Simpson, Grambling State.

## 1. GRAMBLING STATE

**LOCATION:** Grambling, La.  
**STADIUM:** Eddie Robinson Stadium.  
**COACH:** Eddie Robinson (382-134-15 overall/and at Grambling).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 10-2 (6-1 in SWAC, 2nd; defeated Florida A&M in Heritage Bowl, 45-15).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 29.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Eric Gant, RB; Ron Dyson, WB; Norman Bradford, RB; Eric Fontenot, DT; Roderick Henderson, T; Keith Marks, DT; Eudean Toney, S; Jeffrey Celestand, CB; Brannon Simpson, P; Gilad Landau, K.

## OUTLOOK:

Quarterback's the question. Everywhere else Grambling State is loaded. Two-time I-AA All-American FB Eric Gant should make it three times this year. WB Ron Dyson and RB Norman Bradford should only add to the running attack. The defense is strong. The special teams from kickers to returners to coverage teams is the best in the SWAC. This team is capable of making a repeat trip to the Heritage Bowl, which Grambling won in capturing the national black college title.

## 2. ALCORN STATE

**LOCATION:** Lorman, Miss.  
**STADIUM:** Braves (24,000).  
**COACH:** Cardell Jones (11-6-1 overall/and at Alcorn State).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-4 (7-0 in SWAC, 1st).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 46.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Steve McNair, QB; Marcus Hinton, SE; Tracy Cook, TE; Donald Ray Ross, FL; Harry Brown Jr., RB; James Lemon, T; Robert Gaddy, T; Eric Ward, CB.  
**OUTLOOK:** Alcorn State will be explosive. QB Steve McNair (3,541 yards, 29 TDs) led the Braves to an undefeated SWAC conference mark (7-0) in only his sophomore year. He's a premier quarterback. The defense is young and inexperienced; all-league second-team CB Eric Ward is among only five returning starters.

## 3. JACKSON STATE

**LOCATION:** Jackson, Miss.  
**STADIUM:** Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium (64,000).  
**COACH:** James Carson (7-4 overall/and at Jackson State).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 7-4 (4-3 in SWAC, 3rd).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 34.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Marlo Perry, LB; Fernando Smith, LB; Isiah Bliss, TE; Terry Arnold, CB; Ricky Jordan, QB; William Arnold, RB; Alfred Wilson, FB; Ernest Pate, WR.  
**OUTLOOK:** The conference's best defense (scoring-wise) last year returns 10 of its 11 starters. LBs Marlo Perry, Fernando Smith and CB Terry Arnold lead a crew that could dominate the SWAC. Perry and Smith, both All-SWAC first-teamers, were leaders in a rush defense that stuffed opposing running attacks to the tune of 121 yards per game.

## 4. SOUTHERN

**LOCATION:** Baton Rouge, La.  
**STADIUM:** A.W. Mumford (24,000).  
**COACH:** Pete Richardson (41-14-1 overall/first year at Southern).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6 (3-4 in SWAC, tied 4th).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 51.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Eric Randall, QB; Paul Nixon, TB; Sean Wallace, DB; Duane Fuller, K; Michael Green, WR; Donald Broussard, LB; Anthony Harris, LB; Kenya Rounds, LB; Jimmy Conner, LB.  
**OUTLOOK:** New coach. New system. New enthusiasm. Pete Richardson, who compiled a 41-14-1 record at Winston-Salem State, stresses the fundamentals and tries to keep mistakes to a minimum. With that in mind, he plans on handing the reins to the capable hands of QB Eric Randall, a sophomore who became a starter four games into his freshman season.

## 5. ALABAMA STATE

**LOCATION:** Montgomery, Ala.  
**STADIUM:** Cramton Bowl (24,000).  
**COACH:** Houston Markham (44-19-3 overall/and at Alabama State).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6 (3-4 in SWAC,

tied 4th).

## RETURNING LETTERMEN:

34.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** John Feagin, QB; Alcede Surtain, QB; Rico White, RB; Cyrus Smith, RB; Latrod Garner, CB; LeCorey Harvest, CB; Joe Dean, LB.

**OUTLOOK:** Alabama State lost eight starters off its second-rate defense in the SWAC in '92. All-SWAC CB LeCorey Harvest, CB Latrod Garner and LB Joe Dean are the only Hornets returning to provide a solid foundation for pass coverage. The defensive line, however, is likely to be manned by a crew of underclassmen, and several freshmen will vie for positions.

## 6. TEXAS SOUTHERN

**LOCATION:** Houston, Texas.  
**STADIUM:** Robertson Stadium (22,000).  
**COACH:** Walter Highsmith (17-24-2 overall/and at Texas Southern).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-6 (3-4 in SWAC, tied 4th).

## RETURNING LETTERMEN:

40.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Jason Hampton, RB; Carnell White, RB; Joe Burch, C; Ervin Taylor, G; Darius Alexander, G; Greg Parks, T; Schaminsky Payton, QB; Alfred Bryant, DT; Keith Williams, DE; Eric Ellison, LB.  
**OUTLOOK:** RBs Jason Hampton (368 yards rushing) and Carnell White will do the bulk of the running in the Tigers' rushing-oriented attack. QB Schaminsky Payton is now the No. 1 signal-caller. The defense is stocked with talented players. DT Alfred Bryant, DE Keith Williams and LB Eric Ellison are the old names that should come through.

## 7. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE

**LOCATION:** Itta Bena, Miss.  
**STADIUM:** Magnolia (10,000).  
**COACH:** Larry Dorsey (16-24-1 overall/and at MVS).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-5 (2-5 in SWAC, 7th).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 33.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Cliff Robinson, QB; David Arrington, RB; Robert Davis, RB; Victor Cullen, WR; Steve Booze, WR; Chester Flower, WR; Eric Alexander, DE; Jamarah Nevitt, DE; Alonzo Brown, LB; Felix Wicks, LB; Burnell Dedeaux, CB; Kelvin Williams, CB.  
**OUTLOOK:** The Delta Devils will pass, pass, pass—more, more, more. QB Cliff Robinson will be the man who'll be responsible for doling out the footballs to WRs Victor Cullen, Steve Booze and Chester Flower. The defense will play a more pressure-type style with a more experienced secondary and a rush supplied by Eric Alexander and Jamarah Nevitt. The running attack is good already; the key to the offense will be if Robinson and Co. can convert in this pass-happy attack.

## 8. PRAIRIE VIEW A&M

**LOCATION:** Prairie View, Texas.  
**STADIUM:** Blackshear Field (6,000).  
**COACH:** Ron Beard (0-22 overall/and at Prairie View).  
**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 0-11 (0-7 in SWAC, 8th).  
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 29.  
**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Alaric Henderson, WR; Shawn Narcisse, WR; Jamal Myers, WR; Marshall Green, RB; Kenneth Lacy, RB; Samuel Barner, P; Alphonse Provo, LB.  
**OUTLOOK:** The wide receiving corps will be in good hands with Alaric Henderson, Shawn Narcisse and Jamal Myers. Who'll get them the ball is another question. Defensively, LB Alphonse Provo will provide good leadership, but the team may not have enough quality defenders to slow the rest of the league down.



# YANKEE

By Steve Craig  
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It's still called the Yankee Conference, but the power has shifted south. Already one of Division I-AA's top conferences, the Yankee added three teams for 1993 and a distinct Southern flavor with Virginia's William & Mary and James Madison. Boston-based Northeastern was also added.

The league will be divided into a pair of six-team groups for scheduling purposes only. The league champ will still be the team with the best eight-game conference record. Every team will play each school in its division and three from the other division.

The top three contenders for post-season honors—Richmond, defending champ Delaware and Villanova—are joined in one division by newcomers James Madison, William & Mary and Northeastern. That sextet had a combined record of 45-24-1 in 1992. The New England-based contingent (Boston University, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island) was only 27-37-1.

## ALL-YANKEE OFFENSE

QB—Greg Lilly, Richmond.  
RB—Uly Scott, Richmond.  
RB—Daryl Brown, Delaware.  
WR—Rod Boothes, Richmond.  
WR—David Gamble, New Hampshire.  
TE—Price Williams, Richmond.  
T—Matt Wildes, Delaware.  
T—Wallace Vale, William & Mary.  
G—Bill Durkin, Massachusetts.  
G—Phil Hallard, Massachusetts.  
C—Andre Maksimow, Boston Univ.  
K—Steve Leo, Delaware.  
KR—Avrom Smith, New Hampshire.

## DEFENSE

DL—Matt Morrill, Delaware.  
DL—Brian Corcoran, Massachusetts.  
DL—Matt Joyce, Richmond.  
DL—Miles McLean, Northeastern.  
LB—Mario Perry, Massachusetts.  
LB—Pat Mulhern, Delaware.  
LB—Mike Bandish, Delaware.  
CB—Bob Jordan, New Hampshire.  
CB—Marc Richards, William & Mary.  
S—Maurice Glenn, Richmond.  
S—Mark Salisbury, Northeastern.  
P—Scott Frazier, James Madison.

## 1. RICHMOND

LOCATION: Richmond, Va.  
STADIUM: Richmond (22,611).

COACH: Jim Marshall (11-33 overall/and at Richmond).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4 (5-3 in YC, tied 3rd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 35.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Greg Lilly, QB; Rod Boothes, WR; Uly Scott, RB; Price Williams, TE; Scott Wenk, OT; Matt Joyce, DT; Maurice Glenn, FS; Scott Burton, DB; Todd Barlon, P; Jeff Edmiston, LB.

OUTLOOK: Three years ago Marshall threw a bunch of kids to the wolves. They took their lumps, going 1-10 and 2-9. Last year they started to dish them out and were in the title hunt until a late-season swoon. Marshall, no longer on the hot seat, now has ample firepower to contend in baby-faced but tough Lilly, an accurate long passer, barreling Scott (YC-high 1,318 yards) and very fast Boothes, also an excellent KR. Lilly threw for 2,704 yards and 19 TDs and was also the ECAC Offensive Player of the Year. His efficiency rating was eighth in the country. Only five starters were lost, and they're spread around. Spiders were 4-29 from 1989-91, so there's still a bit of "prove it" attitude around the league whenever the Spiders are discussed. It says here they will.

## 2. DELAWARE

LOCATION: Newark, Del.

STADIUM: Delaware (23,000).

COACH: Harold "Tubby" Raymond (223-88-2 overall/and at Delaware).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 11-3 (7-1 in YC, lost in I-AA semifinals to Marshall, 28-7).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 40.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Dale Fry, QB; Daryl Brown, FB; Dan Cooper, SE; Geoff Hannan, OG; Lanue Johnson, HB/KR; Steve Leo, PK; Matt Morrill, DE; Pat Mulhern, LB; Mike Bandish, LB; Scott Acker, CB.

OUTLOOK: Delaware has the overall talent to overcome the significant loss of four-year quarterback Bill Vergantino and still be in the race. The Blue Hens finished a great season, that included playoff wins against Samford (56-21) and No. 1 Northeast Louisiana (41-18) before Vergantino was hurt in the loss to Marshall. Brown is big and fast as a running threat. The defense's strength is at linebacker, where the top eight return. If Fry can stand the heat, Delaware is a good bet for a third straight playoff appearance.

## 3. MASSACHUSETTS

LOCATION: Amherst, Mass.

COACH: Mike Hodges (7-3 overall/and at Mass).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-3 (5-3 in YC, tied 3rd).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 37.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Mario Perry, OLB; Andrew McNeilly, QB; Rene Ingolia, TB; Mike George, FB/P; Phil Hallard, OG; Bill Durkin, OG; Brian Corcoran, DT; Scott Assenboa, OLB; Tony Williams, CB; Matt Rajotte, FS.

OUTLOOK: Very good. Second-year head coach Mike Hodges did a great job stepping in for well-liked and highly successful Jim Reid, who quit in early 1992 amid controversy over scholarship reduction. Minutemen now have 11 starters back to run their ground-control offense—something rare in the increasingly airborne league. UMass has the beef to do it with all-conference guards Durkin and Hallard, and McNeilly is a good runner to complement Ingolia, who earned YC Rookie of the Year honors with 656 yards and 4.3 average. Perry (6-3, 220) demands double-teams and still had 15 QB sacks and eight TFLs. Assenboa (84 tackles, 9 sacks) and Corcoran came into their own. With seven home games (including all the

toughies) UMass is primed for a title run.

## 4. VILLANOVA

LOCATION: Villanova, Penn.

STADIUM: Villanova (12,000).

COACH: Andy Talley (85-42-2 overall/57-24-1 at Villanova).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-3 (6-2 in YC, 2nd; lost in I-AA preliminary round to Youngstown State).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 37.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Kevin Mosley, TB; Harold Hart, WR; Straughn Lumpkin, SE; Bill Lacy, OT; Mike Hoffman, DT; Andy Cough, OLB; Devian Logan, FS; Matt Smith, SS; Bill Hoffman, PK/P.

OUTLOOK: Both sides of the ball have lost their leaders—All-America linebacker Curtis Eller and 5-6 quarterback Tom Colombo. There are other significant losses in both lines, linebacker and defensive back. So why will Villanova contend? Over the past eight years Talley has built a program that only Delaware could challenge in terms of overall talent. Three playoff appearances, two YC titles and a 33-14 record during the past four years verify that. The names may not be as familiar as the past two years, but the talent is lurking below the surface. The Wildcats haven't had a losing season since football was restored in 1985. Don't look for one this year.

## 5. WILLIAM & MARY

LOCATION: Williamsburg, Va.

STADIUM: Zable Stadium at Cary Field (15,000).

COACH: Jimmie Laycock (81-64-2 overall/and at W&M).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-2 as independent.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 36.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Shawn Knight, QB; Derek Fitzgerald, TB; Corey Ludwig, SE; Michael Tomlin, SE; Thomas Walters, OG; Wallace Vale, OT; Craig Staub, DT; Eric Lambert, OLB; Jason Miller, OLB; Marc Richards, CB.

OUTLOOK: A very veteran and well-balanced offense returns, led by five fifth-year seniors in the offensive line, each with starting experience. Walters was an honorable mention All-America, and Vale (6-5, 290) is huge. Fitzgerald (5-8, 185) got lost for 835 yards and 4.8 per carry last year. Knight returns at QB after spending his spring performing as a base-stealing shortstop. Defensively, Lambert, Miller and Richards can run, and Staub can stuff things inside. Always one of the I-AA's top teams, William & Mary will test the rigors of a conference for the first time. They were 9-1 against I-AA teams last year and would've been in the playoffs, but opted for a postseason trip to Japan instead. The '92 schedule, however, was very weak. How they handle week after week struggles will tell the story.

## 6. CONNECTICUT

LOCATION: Storrs, Conn.

STADIUM: Memorial (16,200).

COACH: Tom Jackson (56-52 overall/and at Connecticut).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 5-6 (4-4 in YC, tied 5th).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 30.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Zeke Rodgers, QB; Ed Long, TB; Wilbur Gilliard, TB; Pat Walsh, OT; Mike McCarthy, DT; Paul Duckworth, OLB; Bruce Bourgoine, OLB; Jim Reppi, ILB; Scott Mitchell, CB; Nick Sosik, PK.

OUTLOOK: Rodgers went 3-2 as freshman starter in the final five games, and the offense increased scoring by eight points and 100 yards per game. The Huskies have two talented backs in Long and Gilliard, and the offen-



sive line could be huge. Big losses are WR Alex Davis and TE Brian Kozlowski. Defense should be the best UConn has had in several years, especially at linebacker and secondary, and will be counted on to give the youthful offense some learning time. The Huskies could easily jump from middle to upper-middle.

## 7. NORTHEASTERN

**LOCATION:** Boston, Mass.

**STADIUM:** Parsons Field (7,000).

**COACH:** Barry Gallup (9-12-1 overall/and at NE).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-5-1 as independent.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Kevin Williams, RB;

Jeremy Gobeil, WR; Clarzell Pearl, QB; Chris Brady, WR; Billy Eacrett, FB; Mark Salisbury, SS; Jason Seapker, FS; Miles McLean, DE; David Atwood, LB; Jeff Laing, OLB.

**OUTLOOK:** Northeastern is a physical attack-oriented team on both sides of the ball. Pearl has great athletic ability, but he'll have to replace record-setting lefty Ralph Barone. The Huskies suffered a major loss in WR Brandon Tsetsilas, the top receiver and return man. Kevin Williams is the bull-runner to give the run-and-shoot a complementary weapon. The Huskies have a tough opening with four straight road games, but they have the sought-after inclusion in the YC, and Gallup has shown himself to be a first-rate motivator and recruiter. It probably won't show this year, but Northeastern is a team on the rise.

## 8. NEW HAMPSHIRE

**LOCATION:** Durham, N.H.

**STADIUM:** Cowell (9,271).

**COACH:** Bill Bowes (136-78-5/overall and at NH).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-5-1 (3-5 in YC, 7th).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 28.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Jim Stayer, QB; Avrom Smith, TB; Lee McClinton, FB; David Gamble, WR; Mike Foley, TE; Ray Lyons, DT; Warren Ames, ILB; Bob Jordan, CB; Wesley Mills, CB; Mike Cassano, SS.

**OUTLOOK:** Veteran coach Bill Bowes feels his still-young team (only three senior starters returning) will face the toughest schedule in his 22 years at UNH. The Wildcats will miss tailback Barry Bourassa (50 career TDs), only the second player in history to top 6,000 all-conference yards. Also gone are top target wide receiver John Perry and good-hands fullback Mike Gallagher, as well as potential pro pick linebacker Dwayne Gordon. New Hampshire needs to put the ball in the end zone with greater frequency. Drop-back Stayer had some big yardage days, but limited touchdowns. A no-name defense developed into one of league's best during the second half of last season and returns eight starters.

## 9. JAMES MADISON

**LOCATION:** Harrisonburg, Va.

**STADIUM:** Bridgeforth (12,500).

**COACH:** Rip Scherer (13-11 overall/and at JM).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-7 as independent.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 39.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** David McLeod, WR;

Steve Agee, FB; Brad Morris, C; John Allen, WR; Scott Frazier, P; Trey Weis, PK; Dion Foss, DE; Tyrone Washington, DT; Kelvin Jeter, TB; Tony Jordan, QB.

**OUTLOOK:** Last year JMU could score and be competitive against anyone. Trouble was, they couldn't stop anybody, giving up league-high yardage (471.9) and point (32.3) averages against a very tough schedule. With six defensive starters back and a bit lighter slate, James Madison should be a tougher mark on defense. There are gaping holes behind an experienced offensive line, however. Gone is QB Eric Williams (1,949 yards passing, 574 rushing) who had started since the middle of his freshman season. Also departing was tailback

Kenny Sims, who gained 1,157 yards in only nine games. The Dukes will likely use three tailbacks. Jeter may be the best, but only Rhad Miles has experience. At quarterback Gary Lyons threw two passes in 1992, and that's it in terms of experience. Expect athletic Tony Jordan to get a starting nod.

## 10. BOSTON UNIVERSITY

**LOCATION:** Boston, Mass.

**STADIUM:** Nickerson Field (17,369)

**COACH:** Dan Allen (12-21 overall/and at BU).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 3-8 (2-6 in YC, 8th).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 37.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Greg Moore, QB; Zack Burwell, RB; Jason Andrade, WR; Carnell Henderson, WR; Paul Francisco, TE; Andre Maksimow, C; Matt Claflin, DT; John Schaefer, LB; Marc Fauci, DB; Pablo Rodriguez, DB.

**OUTLOOK:** The Terriers return nine starters to both sides of the ball, and all but one are juniors or seniors. Greg Moore (59 completion percentage) should take over after splitting time as a junior. The schedule is a little lighter than last year's, which featured five opening games against Temple and four I-AA teams that finished a combined 36-11. The Terriers finished in the bottom third of the conference in eight of 10 major team statistics. The run-and-shoot offense was a discouraging eighth in total offense.

## 11. MAINE

**LOCATION:** Orono, Maine.

**STADIUM:** Alumni Field (10,000).

**COACH:** Jack Cosgrove (first year).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 6-5 (4-4 in YC, tied 5th).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 34.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Emilio Colon, QB; Steve Cates, FL; Ray Baur, TB; Steve Knight, FB; John Pourby, OT; Fred Horner, DE; Jemal Murphy, OLB; Jed Wehrman, DT; Greg Mikell, FS; Jerrod Theberge, P.

**OUTLOOK:** After consecutive 3-8 years Maine's seniors sucked it up and went 6-5 last year. Then Kirk Ferentz became the fourth Maine head coach to depart since the 1986 season, taking an assistant's job with the Pittsburgh Steelers. If he knew the program would lose 15 scholarships in budget cuts, who can blame him for leaving? The Black Bears lost four offensive linemen (including three-year starter Dan Jones), TB Ben Sirmans (1,214 yards last year) and have only three offensive starters back. Colon made huge strides as a sophomore, upping TD passes to 13 from two while dropping INTs to six from 13. His growth must continue for the Black Bears to reach .500.

## 12. RHODE ISLAND

**LOCATION:** Kingston, R.I.

**STADIUM:** Meade (10,000).

**COACH:** Floyd Keith (23-17-2 overall/first year at RI).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 1-10 (0-8 in YC, 9th).

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 39.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Tony Squitieri, QB; Shundell Hicks, WR; Kevin Quinn, FB; Joe Bean, C; Dave Kolman, G; Kevin Shirley, DE; Dave Slattery, LB; Brian Merritt, CB; Greg Hoffman, FS/PK; Troy Rothman, CB.

**OUTLOOK:** Well-liked Bob Griffin, who brought Air Earhardt and three playoff appearances in the early 1980s, is gone. Keith, a nine-year assistant at Indiana, comes in on the heels of a miserable, injury-plagued season that ended with a 10th straight loss. Keith has a decent young QB in Squitieri, but little in the way of complementary weapons, with the graduation of all-conference TE Darren Rizzi and wideout Chris Pierce. The strength should be a veteran offensive line. The defense lost its two best players in LB Marty Coyne and Pete Doremus, although LB Slattery is a solid player.

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# INDEPENDENTS

By Don Heath  
Savannah (Ga.) Morning News

**S**alesmen and athletic directors of Division I-AA football independents have quite a bit in common. A lot of knocking on doors, only to get a "Sorry, no thanks," at the end.

No one wants to schedule independents. I-AA conference ADs realize their ticket to the playoffs is winning their own league—or padding the win column for an at-large bid. So when athletic directors of independents call to schedule a game, usually a whisper, "Tell him I'm out to lunch," can be heard faintly on the other end.

Of course, independents can only blame themselves. They've advanced to the I-AA title game the last five seasons. In the last eight years they've won five championships.

Youngstown State, which went to the finals last year, losing to Marshall on a game-ending field goal, has established a winning tradition. The Penguins, who won the title in 1991, had a 34-7-1 record during the last three years.

Samford, Central Florida and Liberty should be in the hunt for the playoffs. Moreover, Western Kentucky and Towson State should be much improved. See any weaklings in that bunch?

Athletic directors, good luck working out your future schedules.

## ALL-INDEPENDENT OFFENSE

QB—Kelvin Simmons, Troy State.

RB—Tony Vinson, Towson State.

RB—Tamron Smith, Youngstown State.

WR—David Rhodes, Central Florida.

WR—James McKnight, Liberty.

TE—Dwayne Carswell, Liberty.

G—Buster Mills, Central Florida.

G—Ty Koon, Western Kentucky.

T—Vince Noblitt, Samford.

T—Paul Kokos, Youngstown State.

C—Chris Sammarano, Youngstown State.

K—Jeff Wilkins, Youngstown State.

KR—Marcus Durgin, Samford.

## DEFENSE

DL—Sherman James, Troy State.

DL—Antwoine Clark, Troy State.

DL—Chad Mobley, Samford.

DL—David Burch, Youngstown State.

LB—Shawn Banks, Western Kentucky.

LB—Dion Krause, Liberty.

LB—Tory James, Samford.

CB—Marcus Durgin, Samford.

CB—Reggie Brown, Youngstown State.

S—Ced Brooks, Troy State.

S—Brian Crutcher, Central Florida.

P—Rick Boeckmann, Western Kentucky.

## 1. YOUNGSTOWN STATE

LOCATION: Youngstown, Ohio.

STADIUM: Stambaugh Stadium (16,000).

COACH: Jim Tressel (57-31-1 overall/and at Youngstown State).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 11-3-1 (lost to Marshall, 31-28, in Division I-AA title game).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 43.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Mark Brungard, QB; Darnell Clark, TB; Tamron Smith, TB; Paul Kokos, OT; Trent Boykin, WR; David Burch, DE; Jeff Powers, LB; Reggie Brown, CB; Randy Smith, CB; Jeff Wilkins, K.

OUTLOOK: Expectations are high. First-year starting quarterback Mark Brungard, a sophomore, will shoulder much of the burden. Brungard saw action in only eight of the Pens' 15 games last season, throwing 27 passes and rushing just four times. The rest of the gang is back, however. Running back Tamron Smith gained 1,403 yards last year and will break the school career rushing mark of 3,639 (set by Robby Robson) by gaining only 217 more. Super backup Darnell Clark (1,011 yards) also returns. Kicker David Wilkins (a first-team Sports Network All-American last season), who booted 17-of-21 field goals, provides an added offensive weapon. Defensively, senior linebacker Jeff Powers is the leading returning tackler. Powers registered six sacks and seven tackles for losses a year ago. Junior cornerbacks Reggie Brown and Randy Smith add experience to the secondary.

## 2. TROY STATE

LOCATION: Troy, Ala.

STADIUM: Memorial Stadium (12,000).

COACH: Larry Blackney (15-7 overall/and at Troy State).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 10-1.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 58.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Kelvin Simmons, QB; Randolph Lovejoy, TB; Allen Ray, OT; Bob Hall, OT; Madison Coker, TE; Sherman James, DT; Antwoine Clark, DT; Ced Brooks, S; Richard Young, SS; Johnny Swain, LB.

OUTLOOK: A year of compliance for Troy State, moving from Division II to Division I-AA, meant a year when the division's top teams could disregard the rumblings of this rising powerhouse. Now the Trojans are eligible for postseason play and Troy, which posted Division II national championships in 1984 and 1987, now eyes playing at the same level in the higher division. A 10-1 record a year ago is reason for the optimism. The Trojans gave up just 10.7 points a game, allowing one touchdown or less in six of the last seven games. Only six teams in the division surrendered fewer yards on defense. Safety Ced Brooks, who registered 10 pass breakups and five interceptions while leading the team with 73 tackles, anchors a talented secondary. Junior Sherman James and senior Antwoine Clark, both tackles, solidify the line. Offensively, option quarterback Kelvin Simmons gives opponents double trouble. Last season he passed for 1,076 yards and ran for another 694.

## 3. SAMFORD

LOCATION: Birmingham, Ala.

STADIUM: Seibert Stadium (6,700).

COACH: Chan Gailey (0-0, starts first season).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 9-3 (advanced to the first round of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs).

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 38.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Scott Thompson, QB; Bart Yancey, QB; Vince Noblitt, OT; Darnain Hines, RB; TeDarryl Marshall, WR; Brister Packer, DE; Darryl Murray, DE; Chad Mobley, DT; Marcus Durgin, DB; Tory James, LB.

OUTLOOK: Trouble on the horizon? First-year coach Chan Gailey doesn't think so. Gailey, the former head coach of the Birmingham Fire of the World Football and offensive coordinator of the Denver Broncos, has 14 starters returning, including eight on a defense that was 12th in total defense (allowing 305.1 yards a game), 12th in pass efficiency defense and 14th in both rushing defense (131.7 yards a game) and scoring defense (18.3 points a game). Senior linebacker Tory James is the team's leading returning tackler. All-America candidate Marcus Durgin, a safety, heads the secondary and junior nose guard Chad Mobley anchors the line. Offensively, key positions are up for grabs. Sophomore Scott Thompson, a transfer from Louisville, and red-shirt freshman Bart Yancey will battle for the starting quarterback role. Darnain Hines and Lee Ellis are the frontrunners to inherit the full-back slot in the one-back set.

## 4. CENTRAL FLORIDA

LOCATION: Orlando, Fla.

STADIUM: Citrus Bowl (70,000).

COACH: Gene McDowell (54-37 overall/and at Central Florida).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 6-4.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 45.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Darin Hinshaw, QB; Willie English, RB; Jerod Davis, RB; David Rhodes, WR; Buster Mills, OG; Mike Gruttaduria, C; Robert Alexander, RB; Greg Jefferson, DE; Brian Crutcher, FS.

OUTLOOK: Decisions, decisions. Should the Knights hand the ball to talented running back Willie English, who gained a medical redshirt season last year after rushing for 1,338 yards (second in the division) as a junior two years ago? Or should they pitch the ball to English's replacement, Jerod Davis, who gained 1,134 yards and 10 touchdowns last season? Or maybe they should send in a play for junior quarterback Darin Hinshaw (2,505 yards, 24 touchdowns) to step back and fire to junior wideout David Rhodes (51 catches, 1,002 yards). Certainly, Central Florida will be among the top I-AA offensive teams in the nation. Stopping opponents will be paramount to success. Linebacker Robert Alexander (94 tackles) heads a defense that allowed 24.3 points a game a year ago. Defensive end Greg Jefferson (65 tackles) and free safety Brian Crutcher (five interceptions) will also be important.

## 5. LIBERTY

LOCATION: Lynchburg, Va.

STADIUM: Liberty University Stadium (12,000).

COACH: Sam Rutigliano (25-18 overall/and at Liberty).

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 7-4.

RETURNING LETTERMEN: 45.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: Travis Wilemon, QB; James McKnight, WR; Maurice Jones, WR; Adrian Cherry, TB; Matt Council, TB; Dwayne Carswell, TE; Dion Krause, LB; Bobby Walker, DT.

OUTLOOK: Pieces of Coach Sam Rutigliano's explosive offense return. Maurice Jones (53 catches, 702 yards) and James McKnight (50 catches, 711 yards) form a capable one-two receiving punch. Adrian Cherry (773 rushing



yards) and Matt Council (501 rushing yards) combine to head the one-back set. The key to the offense, however, will be the play of first-year starting quarterback Travis Wilemon, who saw action in only seven games last season. Playing consistent defense will be another determining factor in how far Liberty goes this season. The Flames gave their best defensive performance in a 9-7 victory over Troy State, handing the Trojans their only loss of the season. In the four Liberty defeats, though, opponents averaged 33.8 points a game. Linebacker Dion Krause, who led the team with 137 tackles last season, returns. Senior tackle Bobby Walker is steady on the line.

## 6. WESTERN KENTUCKY

**LOCATION:** Bowling Green, Ky.

**STADIUM:** L.P. Smith Stadium (17,500).

**COACH:** Jack Harbaugh (40-54-3 overall/15-27 at WKU).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 4-6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 40.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Eddie Thompson, QB;

Dion Bryant, TB; Robert Jackson, FB; Brian

Sowerby, WR; Ty Koon, OG; Mike Copeland,

OT; Rick Boeckmann, P; Shawn Banks, LB;

Rod Carter, FS; Dan McGrath, SS.

**OUTLOOK:** Winning football and the emergence

of Eddie Thompson as the starting quarterback coincided for the Hilltoppers a year ago. In just five games Thompson rushed for 837 yards and nine touchdowns while directing an option attack that finished with 287.1 rushing yards a game (second in Division I-AA). Without Thompson as a starter, Western Kentucky lost four of its first five games. With Thompson, the 'Toppers went 3-2, not bad considering Western had just finished consecutive two-win seasons. Buoyed by the strong offense, the Hilltoppers shoot for .500 or beyond. Tailback Dion Bryant and fullback Robert Jackson inherit the backfield. Wideout Brian Sowerby (10 catches, 201 yards) will be crucial when Western throws a surprise pass. Defensively, junior linebacker Shawn Banks returns as the leading tackler (82 tackles, seven for losses). Safeties Rod Carter and Dan McGrath solidify the secondary.

## 7. TOWSON STATE

**LOCATION:** Towson, Md.

**STADIUM:** Minnegan Stadium (5,000).

**COACH:** Gordie Combs (5-5 overall/and at Towson State).

**LAST SEASON'S RECORD:** 5-5.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 42.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH:** Dan Crowley, QB; Tony

Vinson, TB; Brian McCarty, TB; Mark Orlando, WR; Mike Arbutina, LB; Dan Nate, LB; Aaron Bates, FS; Alex Vodopija, P.

**OUTLOOK:** Excuse Tiger football fans if they're feeling a little giddy these days. Towson State finished with five victories last year, equaling its win total of the previous three seasons combined. Towson even accomplished one of its wins by running a game-ending kickoff back for a touchdown (à la California) to stun Northeastern. To make matters better, the Tigers, who suddenly have a taste for victory, return important players to add rare optimism for the upcoming season. Junior quarterback Dan Crowley passed for 2,322 yards and 14 touchdowns while completing 51 percent of his passes. Five of the six leading receivers also return, led by junior Mark Orlando (35 catches, 20.9-yard average). Towson won't rely solely on the pass, though. Senior tailback Tony Vinson, a transfer from Purdue, broke Dave Meggett's school record by rushing for 1,042 yards in just eight games. Vinson's backup Brian McCarty, who also returns, added 703 yards. Defensively, junior linebacker Mike Arbutina, who led the squad with 109 tackles, returns along with Aaron Bates, a safety who'll head the secondary.

**S**uddenly, it got crowded in NCAA Division I-AA football. Legislation passed at the 1992 NCAA Convention in January forced schools to conform all their sports programs to a particular division. The ruling, no doubt to have future repercussions, immediately changed the outlook of I-AA football.

Twenty-six schools, turning the division into a 115-team league, are directly affected by this legislation, which takes effect during the 1993 season. Most of the incoming schools previously offered non-scholarship football at the Division III level while their basketball programs, the money-maker in their athletic programs, competed at the Division I level.

Curiously, a proposal to create a Division I-AAA (a separate Division I football grouping for non-scholarship schools) was defeated. "Basically, these schools had two options," says Commissioner John Garner of the Eastern College Athletic Conference, "offer scholarships [to be competitive in I-AA] or drop down to a club sport."

A school's third option, says Garner, is to join a conference whose members have similar aspirations. Although the current limit of scholarships for I-AA members is 65 (to drop to 63 in 1995), the division contains a varied group of schools with differing opinions on everything from cost containment to playoff procedure.

It all comes down to economics.

All is not bleak, however. In this Division I-AA format, there appear to be enough teams of similar stature to ensure healthy competition. The 26 new schools added to I-AA will all be eligible for the 16-team postseason playoffs.

Of course, the newly created I-AA schools (most of which will remain non-scholarship) aren't expecting to compete for a national crown against schools with 65 scholarships. In fact, the ECAC has gathered 11 Eastern teams (Canisius, Georgetown, Iona, St. John's, St. Peter's and Siena—which form the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference—to be added with Central Connecticut State, Wagner, St. Francis [Pa.], Marist and Duquesne) to play for a league championship. The top two teams will be determined by criteria such as won-loss record and strength of schedule. Towson State will join the ECAC in 1995.

In the Midwest, Dayton, Drake, Evansville, Valparaiso, Butler and San Diego have formed the Pioneer Football

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League. Again, common bonds brought schools together. League members won't offer football scholar-

ships, although Butler, which played at the Division II level last season, will honor the scholarships of its juniors and seniors already on the club.

In the West, Cal State-Northridge, Cal State-Sacramento and Southern Utah are in the process of forming the Western Football Conference with Division II Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo and UC Davis.

The schools have agreed to limit football scholarships to 20. "Because of cost cutting across the state and across the nation, we feel 20 scholarships fit our needs very well," said Commissioner Vic Buccola. Indeed, the league may look attractive if some of the area schools that have dropped football (Santa Clara and Cal State-Fullerton) decide to play at a lower level. St. Mary's (Cal.), moving up from Division II, is another candidate for future membership.

In the South economics keep small schools like Davidson (enrollment 1,500) from offering football scholarships. Davidson will continue to play football as a I-AA independent despite playing Division I basketball in the Southern Conference (which also plays I-AA football). Alabama-Birmingham and Charleston Southern will play as I-AA football independents.

In the East, Hofstra and Buffalo will also play as independents.

## BREAKDOWN OF NEWCOMERS TO DIVISION I-AA

### Additional ECAC Division I-AA Football Institutions

(11 teams) Central Connecticut State, Wagner, St. Francis (Pa.), Marist and Duquesne (six others—Canisius, Georgetown, Iona, St. John's, St. Peter's and Siena—play in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference).

### Pioneer Football League

(Six teams) Dayton, Drake, Evansville, Valparaiso, Butler and San Diego.

### Western Football Conference

(Three teams) Cal State-Northridge, Cal State-Sacramento and Southern Utah.

### Independents

(Six teams) Alabama-Birmingham, Buffalo, Charleston Southern, Davidson, Hofstra and St. Mary's (Cal.).



# 1992: Week By Week

By Bill Doherty

College football faced quite a dilemma as the 1992 season began. Fans and sports writers were growing tired of the annual "Who's No. 1" arguments. However, the NCAA wasn't ready to upset the current bowl system—and the millions it brings each year to powerhouse conferences—to establish a playoff system that would determine a true national champion on the field.

So they did the next best thing. They concocted the bowl alliance, an agreement among the champions of every conference (except the Rose Bowl-bound Big Ten and Pac-10 winners as well as major independent Notre Dame) to improve postseason matches and to increase the likelihood of a true national championship game.

Miami (Fla.) and Washington (the two best teams in '91) were ranked No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, by the Associated Press at the start of the 1992 season. The rest of the AP Top 10, in order, was No. 3 Notre Dame, No. 4 Florida State, No. 5 Michigan, No. 6 Florida, No. 7 Texas A&M, No. 8 Penn State, No. 9 Alabama and No. 10 Syracuse.

## Week 1

Aug. 26-29

The Pigskin Classic was anything but as No. 7 Texas A&M ruined Bill Walsh's return debut to college coaching with a 10-7 victory over 17th-ranked Stanford before a sparse Anaheim Stadium crowd of 35,240. Afterward, no one was revoking Walsh's genius badge. Instead, they were praising A&M's defense, which held Walsh's high-tech passing game to just three first downs in the second half. "There's nothing wrong with the system," said Stanford quarterback Steve Stenstrom. "We just didn't execute. A&M has a great defense. We probably won't face a better

# 1992 NCAA STATISTICS

## DIVISION I-A

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

#### RUSHING

	CL	G	CAR	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG
Marshall Faulk, San Diego State.....	So	10	265	1630	6.2	15	163.00
Garrison Hearst, Georgia.....	Jr	11	228	1547	6.8	19	140.64
Ryan Benjamin, Pacific.....	Sr	11	231	1441	6.2	13	131.00
Chuckie Dukes, Boston College.....	Sr	11	238	1387	5.8	10	126.09
Trevor Cobb, Rice.....	Sr	11	279	1386	5.0	11	126.00
Travis Sims, Hawaii.....	Sr	12	220	1498	6.8	9	124.83
Reggie Brooks, Notre Dame.....	Sr	11	167	1343	8.0	13	122.09
LeShon Johnson, Northern Illinois.....	Jr	11	265	1338	5.0	6	121.64
Byron Morris, Texas Tech.....	So	11	242	1279	5.3	10	116.27
Deland McCullough, Miami (OH).....	Fr	9	227	1026	4.5	6	114.00
Nathan Dupree, San Jose State.....	Jr	11	237	1239	5.2	11	112.64
Tyrone Wheatley, Michigan.....	So	10	170	1122	6.6	10	112.20
Greg Hill, Texas A&M.....	So	12	267	1339	5.0	15	111.58
Calvin Jones, Nebraska.....	So	11	168	1210	7.2	14	110.00
Shaumbe Wright-Fair, Washington State.....	Sr	11	237	1207	5.1	11	109.73
Natrone Means, North Carolina.....	Jr	11	235	1195	5.1	13	108.64
Russell White, California.....	Sr	10	206	1069	5.2	9	106.90
Winslow Oliver, New Mexico.....	Fr	10	245	1063	4.3	3	106.30
Corey Croom, Ball St.....	Sr	11	301	1157	3.8	6	105.18
Adrian Murrell, West Virginia.....	Sr	11	222	1145	5.2	6	104.09
Derek Brown, Nebraska.....	Jr	10	170	1015	6.0	4	101.50
Anthony Barbour, North Carolina State.....	Sr	12	199	1204	6.1	8	100.33
Napoleon Kaufman, Washington.....	So	11	162	1045	6.5	6	95.00
Junior Smith, East Carolina.....	So	11	186	1037	5.6	9	94.27
Casey McBeth, Toledo.....	Jr	11	223	1037	4.7	10	94.27
Lamar Smith, Houston.....	Jr	9	111	845	7.6	9	93.89
Randy Cuthbert, Duke.....	Sr	11	227	1031	4.5	6	93.73
Dwight Driver, Wyoming.....	Sr	11	229	1027	4.5	11	93.36
Tico Duckett, Michigan State.....	Sr	11	204	1021	5.0	7	92.82
Cory Philpot, Mississippi.....	Sr	11	190	994	5.2	3	90.36
Leonice Brown, Colorado State.....	So	12	156	1051	6.7	5	87.58
Brian Pruitt, Central Michigan.....	So	10	178	859	4.8	4	85.90
Charlie Garner, Tennessee.....	Jr	11	154	928	6.0	2	84.36
Jamal Willis, Brigham Young.....	So	12	204	1004	4.9	11	83.67
Jerome Bettis, Notre Dame.....	Jr	10	154	825	5.4	10	82.50
James Bostic, Auburn.....	So	10	186	819	4.4	5	81.90
Richie Anderson, Penn State.....	Sr	11	195	900	4.6	18	81.82
Maurice Douglas, Kansas.....	Sr	11	198	899	4.5	12	81.73
Jim Vackaro, Western Michigan.....	Fr	11	183	893	4.9	6	81.18
Craig Thomas, Michigan State.....	Jr	11	155	887	5.7	15	80.64
Abu Wilson, Utah State.....	Fr	10	164	795	4.8	5	79.50
Robert Smith, Ohio State.....	Jr	9	122	707	5.8	8	78.56
David Small, Cincinnati.....	Jr	10	209	780	3.7	10	78.00
David Walker, Syracuse.....	Sr	11	168	855	5.1	2	77.73
Adrian Walker, Texas.....	Sr	11	129	852	6.6	4	77.45
Lorenzo Neal, Fresno State.....	Sr	12	165	913	5.5	9	76.08
Ron Rivers, Fresno State.....	Jr	12	136	911	6.7	9	75.92
Derrick Lassic, Alabama.....	Sr	12	178	905	5.1	10	75.42
Errict Rhett, Florida.....	Jr	12	250	903	3.6	9	75.25
Lamont Headd, Tulsa.....	Jr	11	171	827	4.8	2	75.18

#### SCORING

	CL	G	TD	XP	FG	PTS	PTPG	FGA	XPA
Garrison Hearst, Georgia.....	Jr	11	21	0	0	126	11.45	0	0
Richie Anderson, Penn State.....	Sr	11	19	2	0	116	10.55	0	0
Marshall Faulk, San Diego State.....	So	10	15	2	0	92	9.20	0	0
Joe Allison, Memphis State.....	Jr	11	0	32	23	101	9.18	25	32
Greg Hill, Texas A&M.....	So	12	17	0	0	102	8.50	0	0
Tyrone Wheatley, Michigan.....	So	10	14	0	0	84	8.40	0	0
Trevor Cobb, Rice.....	Sr	11	15	2	0	92	8.36	0	0
Calvin Jones, Nebraska.....	So	11	15	0	0	90	8.18	0	0
Craig Thomas, Michigan State.....	Jr	11	15	0	0	90	8.18	0	0
Rusty Hanna, Toledo.....	Sr	11	0	26	21	89	8.09	29	26
Nelson Welch, Clemson.....	So	11	0	23	22	89	8.09	28	25
Anthony Daigle, Fresno State.....	Jr	12	16	0	0	96	8.00	0	0
Michael Proctor, Alabama.....	Fr	12	0	37	19	94	7.83	27	38
Dan Eichloff, Kansas.....	Jr	11	0	38	16	86	7.82	20	38
Reggie Brooks, Notre Dame.....	Sr	11	14	2	0	86	7.82	0	0
Scott Ethridge, Auburn.....	So	11	0	20	22	86	7.82	28	20
Jason Elam, Hawaii.....	Sr	12	0	44	16	92	7.67	25	44



Derrick Alexander, Michigan	Sr.	11	14	0	0	84	7.64	0	0
Sean Dawkins, California	Jr.	11	14	0	0	84	7.64	0	0
John Becksvort, Tennessee	So.	11	0	35	16	83	7.55	23	35
Rich Thompson, Wisconsin	Sr.	11	0	16	22	82	7.45	32	17
Sean Jones, Utah State	Sr.	11	0	28	18	82	7.45	24	30
Dan Mowrey, Florida State	So.	11	0	51	10	81	7.36	18	55
John Biskup, Syracuse	Sr.	11	0	33	16	81	7.36	24	33
Derek Mahoney, Fresno State	Jr.	12	0	58	10	88	7.33	11	61
Lamar Smith, Houston	Jr.	9	11	0	0	66	7.33	0	0
Scott Szeredy, Texas	Jr.	11	0	32	16	80	7.27	21	34
Natrone Means, North Carolina	Jr.	11	13	2	0	80	7.27	0	0
Tommy Thompson, Oregon	Jr.	11	0	20	20	80	7.27	31	21
Todd Peterson, Georgia	Sr.	11	0	41	13	80	7.27	16	42
Terry Venetoulis, Texas A&M	Jr.	12	0	39	16	87	7.25	23	43
Jerome Bettis, Notre Dame	Jr.	10	12	0	0	72	7.20	0	0
David Small, Cincinnati	Jr.	10	12	0	0	72	7.20	0	0
Eric Abrams, Stanford	Fr.	11	0	31	16	79	7.18	20	31
Dane Prewitt, Miami (FL)	Fr.	11	0	40	13	79	7.18	21	41
Andy Trakas, San Diego State	Sr.	11	0	39	13	78	7.09	19	39
Bryan Reeves, Nevada	Jr.	11	13	0	0	78	7.09	0	0
Ryan Benjamin, Pacific	Sr.	11	13	0	0	78	7.09	0	0
Eric Lange, Tulsa	Sr.	11	0	21	19	78	7.09	23	21
Tim Williams, Ohio State	Sr.	11	0	29	16	77	7.00	29	29
Scott Sisson, Georgia Tech	Sr.	11	0	20	19	77	7.00	24	21
Maurice Douglas, Kansas	Sr.	11	12	4	0	76	6.91	0	0
Doug Brien, California	Jr.	11	0	28	16	76	6.91	18	28
Scott Blanton, Oklahoma	So.	11	0	27	16	75	6.82	18	30
David Lauder, Brigham Young	Jr.	12	0	42	13	81	6.75	20	43
Michael Husted, Virginia	Sr.	11	0	35	13	74	6.73	16	40
Jarvis Baker, Air Force	Sr.	11	12	2	0	74	6.73	0	0
Dwight Driver, Wyoming	Sr.	11	12	2	0	74	6.73	0	0
Craig Hentrich, Notre Dame	Sr.	11	0	44	10	74	6.73	13	46
Joe O'Leary, Purdue	Sr.	10	0	22	15	67	6.70	19	23

## RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	CL	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG	CTPG	CTAVG
Lloyd Hill, Texas Tech	Jr.	11	76	1261	12	114.64	6.91	16.59
Marcus Badgett, Maryland	Sr.	11	75	1240	9	112.73	6.82	16.53
Ryan Yarbrough, Wyoming	Jr.	12	86	1351	12	112.58	7.17	15.71
Victor Bailey, Missouri	Sr.	11	75	1210	6	110.00	6.82	16.13
Aaron Turner, Pacific	Sr.	11	79	1171	11	106.45	7.18	14.82
Darnay Scott, San Diego State	So.	11	68	1150	9	104.55	6.18	16.91
Charles Johnson, Colorado	Jr.	11	57	1149	5	104.45	5.18	20.16
Bryan Reeves, Nevada	Jr.	11	81	1114	10	101.27	7.36	13.75
Sean Dawkins, California	Jr.	11	65	1070	14	97.27	5.91	16.46
Michael Westbrook, Colorado	So.	11	76	1060	8	96.36	6.91	13.95
Eric Drage, Brigham Young	Jr.	12	56	1093	12	91.08	4.67	19.52
Dietrich Jells, Pittsburgh	So.	12	55	1091	8	90.92	4.58	19.84
Marlon Pearce, Cincinnati	Jr.	10	56	891	5	89.10	5.60	15.91
O.J. McDuffie, Penn State	Sr.	11	63	977	9	88.82	5.73	15.51
Greg Primus, Colorado State	Sr.	12	60	1007	6	83.92	5.00	16.78
Sherman Smith, Houston	Jr.	11	103	923	6	83.91	9.36	8.96
Demond Thompkins, Nevada-Las Vegas	So.	11	54	919	6	83.55	4.91	17.02
Malcolm Seaborn, Fresno State	Jr.	12	41	974	9	81.17	3.42	23.76
C.J. Davis, Washington State	Sr.	11	55	890	5	80.91	5.00	16.18
Andre Hastings, Georgia	Jr.	11	52	860	5	78.18	4.73	16.54
Lee Gissendanner, Northwestern	Jr.	11	68	846	6	76.91	6.18	12.44
Mark Szlachcic, Bowling Green	Sr.	11	62	834	7	75.82	5.64	13.45
Henry Bailey, Nevada-Las Vegas	So.	11	42	832	8	75.64	3.82	19.81
Melvin Bonner, Baylor	Sr.	11	39	818	11	74.36	3.55	20.97
Korey Beard, Southern Methodist	Sr.	11	64	813	6	73.91	5.82	12.70
Horace Copeland, Miami (FL)	Jr.	11	47	769	2	69.91	4.27	16.36
Johnnie Morton, Southern California	Jr.	10	46	695	6	69.50	4.60	15.11
Curtis Conway, Southern California	Jr.	11	49	764	5	69.45	4.45	15.59
Ron Peters, Houston	So.	11	29	759	11	69.00	2.64	26.17
Wilbert Ursin, Tulane	Jr.	11	55	755	4	68.64	5.00	13.73
Jim Guarantano, Rutgers	Sr.	11	56	754	6	68.55	5.09	13.46
Todd Dixon, Wake Forest	Jr.	11	51	750	7	68.18	4.64	14.71
Corey Parham, Louisiana Tech	Sr.	11	65	741	1	67.36	5.91	11.40
Wayde Butler, Southwestern Louisiana	Sr.	10	50	671	4	67.10	5.00	13.42
Marcus Goodwin, Toledo	Sr.	11	58	738	3	67.09	5.27	12.72
Russell Copeland, Memphis State	Jr.	11	61	736	7	66.91	5.55	12.07
Sean Williams, Utah	Sr.	11	51	734	3	66.73	4.64	14.39
Ulric King, Western Michigan	Sr.	11	48	732	3	66.55	4.36	15.25
J.J. Stokes, UCLA	So.	11	41	728	7	66.18	3.73	17.76
Derrick Alexander, Michigan	Sr.	11	47	722	11	65.64	4.27	15.36
Freddie Gilbert, Houston	Sr.	11	52	715	7	65.00	4.73	13.75
Jimmie Woody, Kent	Sr.	11	54	714	1	64.91	4.91	13.22
Willie Jackson, Florida	Jr.	12	62	772	8	64.33	5.17	12.45
Antonio Freeman, Virginia Tech	So.	11	32	703	6	63.91	2.91	21.97
Lamar Thomas, Miami (FL)	Sr.	11	47	701	10	63.73	4.27	14.91
Clarence Sevilian, Vanderbilt	Sr.	11	33	701	5	63.73	3.00	21.24
Shannon Culver, Oklahoma State	Jr.	10	41	629	4	62.90	4.10	15.34
John Morton, Western Michigan	Sr.	11	39	690	5	62.73	3.55	17.69
Thomas Lewis, Indiana	Jr.	11	54	685	5	62.27	4.91	12.69
Dan Prunzik, Maryland	Sr.	11	52	680	2	61.82	4.73	13.08

## PASSING EFFICIENCY

(MIN. 15 ATT. PER GAME)	CL	G	ATT	CMP	CMP PCT	INT	INT PCT	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	TD PCT	RATING
Elvis Grbac, Michigan	Sr	9	169	112	66.27	12	7.10	1465	8.67	15	8.88	154.2
Marvin Graves, Syracuse	Jr	11	242	146	60.33	12	4.96	2296	9.49	14	5.79	149.2
Ryan Hancock, Brigham Young	So	9	288	165	57.29	13	4.51	2635	9.15	17	5.90	144.6
Bert Emanuel, Rice	Jr	11	179	94	52.51	6	3.35	1558	8.70	11	6.15	139.2
Kordell Stewart, Colorado	So	9	252	151	59.92	9	3.57	2109	8.37	12	4.76	138.8
Eric Zeir, Georgia	So	11	258	151	58.53	12	4.65	2248	8.71	12	4.65	137.8
Jimmy Klingler, Houston	So	11	504	303	60.12	18	3.57	3818	7.58	32	6.35	137.6
Bobby Goodman, Virginia	Sr	11	232	130	56.03	12	5.17	1707	7.36	21	9.05	137.4

one all season."

In the misnamed Kickoff Classic, which was actually the second game of the 1992 season, North Carolina State quarterback Terry Jordan walked away with MVP honors after completing 15 of 24 passes for 161 yards and rushing for 71 more yards as the Wolfpack upset Iowa, 24-14, at the New Jersey Meadowlands.

## Week 2

### Sept. 5

Top-ranked Miami (Fla.), whose preseason was disrupted by Hurricane Andrew, won its 19th consecutive game with a 24-7 victory over Iowa. Miami quarterback Gino Torretta (31 of 51, 433 yards, two TDs) kicked off his Heisman Trophy chase with a sterling performance.

He wasn't the only one hitting the campaign trail. Trying to become the first sophomore to win the Heisman, San Diego State's Marshall Faulk carried the ball 27 times for 220 yards and three TDs in a 31-31 tie with USC. After years of land travel Colorado learned Buffaloes could indeed fly when sophomore quarterback Kordell Stewart threw for a school-record 409 yards as Colorado blew out Colorado State, 37-17. Not to be outdone, Washington State's robo-quarterback Drew Bledsoe threw for 413 yards and three scores in the Cougars' 25-13 victory over Montana.

In the biggest upset of the week defensive end Judson Boehmer returned a fumble 34 yards for the game's only TD as the Citadel shocked Arkansas, 10-3.

## Week 3

### Sept. 12

With just 65 ticks remaining, the 59,075 fans at Notre Dame Stadium were poised for another Fighting Irish miracle win. Instead, Notre Dame head coach Lou Holtz was booed as he left the field. The reason? Third-ranked Notre Dame sat on the ball in the closing seconds of a 17-17 tie against No. 6 Michigan, after the Irish had intercepted an



Elvis Grbac pass at their own 12 with 1:05 left.

Holtz said afterward: "We wanted to find out what coverages they would be in, so we ran the ball [twice]. I thought we could spring it loose, and we almost did. Accuse me of being dumb, but don't accuse me of being too conservative."

Elsewhere, Florida State's Charlie Ward hit Kevin Knox with a nine-yard touchdown pass with 2:08 left to lift the fifth-ranked Seminoles to a 24-20 win over No. 15 Clemson. Tennessee's Heath Shuler ran three yards for the game-winning TD as the No. 20 Volunteers edged No. 14 Georgia, 34-31. Eighth-ranked Alabama survived a major scare before slipping past Southern Mississippi, 17-10.

The nation's most talked-about sophomore, San Diego State's Marshall Faulk continued to dominate, rushing for 299 yards and three TDs in a 45-38 victory over BYU.

## Week 4 Sept. 19

Miami (Fla.) and Washington kept the nation's two longest winning streaks intact against opponents of decidedly different quality. Top-ranked Miami rolled over Florida A&M, 38-0, for its 20th straight victory, while Washington scored two TDs in 42 seconds just before halftime to key a 29-14 victory over Nebraska. The win kept two streaks alive: It was Washington's 17th straight win, and the loss was Nebraska's 10th consecutive setback against a Top 5 team.

Big passing days must be in the Detmer gene pool. Colorado freshman Koy Detmer (11 of 18, 184 yards, 2 TDs) came off the bench and played like his Heisman Trophy-winning brother Ty in Colorado's come-from-behind 21-20 victory over Minnesota.

Filling in for the injured Elvis Grbac, Michigan redshirt sophomore Todd Collins threw for a pair of scores and set a school record for completions (29) in the Wolverines' 35-3 win over Oklahoma State.

Joe Youngblood, Central Michigan	Jr	11	278	161	57.91	13	4.68	2209	7.95	18	6.47	136.7
Trent Dillfer, Fresno State	So	12	331	174	52.57	14	4.23	2828	8.54	20	6.04	135.8
J.J. Joe, Baylor	Jr	11	189	88	46.56	13	6.88	1765	9.34	14	7.41	135.7
Glenn Foley, Boston College	Jr	11	265	146	55.09	12	4.53	2231	8.42	15	5.66	135.4
Steve Matthews, Memphis State	Jr	11	286	175	61.19	12	4.20	2084	7.29	18	6.29	134.8
Rick Mirer, Notre Dame	Sr	11	234	120	51.28	6	2.56	1876	8.02	15	6.41	134.7
Terry Jordan, North Carolina State	Sr	12	256	164	64.06	8	3.13	1963	7.67	9	3.52	133.8
Grady Benton, Arizona State	Fr	10	225	149	66.22	9	4.00	1707	7.59	8	3.56	133.7
Heath Shuler, Tennessee	So	11	224	130	58.04	4	1.79	1712	7.64	10	4.46	133.4
Alex Van Pelt, Pittsburgh	Sr	12	407	245	60.20	17	4.18	3163	7.77	20	4.91	133.3
Gino Torretta, Miami (Fl.)	Sr	11	402	228	56.72	7	1.74	3060	7.61	19	4.73	132.8
Len Williams, Northwestern	Sr	11	286	181	63.29	9	3.15	2110	7.38	11	3.85	131.7
Jeff Handy, Missouri	So	10	329	196	59.57	8	2.43	2463	7.49	13	3.95	130.6
Cale Gundy, Oklahoma	Jr	9	227	131	57.71	15	6.61	1914	8.43	10	4.41	129.9
Rob Johnson, Southern California	So	11	267	156	58.43	11	4.12	2023	7.58	12	4.49	128.7
Frank Dolce, Utah	Sr	9	322	188	58.39	10	3.11	2369	7.36	14	4.35	128.3
Charles Puleri, New Mexico State	Sr	11	349	189	54.15	15	4.30	2788	7.99	16	4.58	127.8
Charlie Ward, Florida State	Jr	11	365	204	55.89	17	4.66	2647	7.25	22	6.03	127.4
Steve Stenstrom, Stanford	Jr	12	335	197	58.81	9	2.69	2399	7.16	14	4.18	127.4
Shane Matthews, Florida	Sr	12	463	275	59.40	16	3.46	3205	6.92	23	4.97	127.0
Stoney Case, New Mexico	So	11	308	164	53.25	13	4.22	2289	7.43	18	5.84	126.5
Keith West, Wake Forest	Sr	11	281	159	56.58	8	2.85	2039	7.26	12	4.27	125.9
Steve Taneyhill, South Carolina	Fr	9	162	86	53.09	6	3.70	1271	7.85	7	4.32	125.8
David Lowery, San Diego State	Jr	11	366	191	52.19	11	3.01	2632	7.19	21	5.74	125.5
Kirk Herbstreit, Ohio State	Sr	11	240	147	61.25	5	2.08	1794	7.47	4	1.67	125.4
Spence Fischer, Duke	So	9	197	113	57.36	10	5.08	1505	7.64	8	4.06	124.8
Darren Studstill, West Virginia	Jr	10	159	89	55.97	5	3.14	1065	6.70	9	5.66	124.6
Dave Barr, California	So	11	344	199	57.85	15	4.36	2343	6.81	19	5.52	124.6
Tony Calvillo, Utah State	Jr	11	360	201	55.83	9	2.50	2494	6.93	16	4.44	123.7
Peter Gardere, Texas	Sr	11	329	181	55.02	13	3.95	2364	7.19	16	4.86	123.5
Drew Bledsoe, Washington State	Jr	11	386	211	54.66	14	3.63	2770	7.18	18	4.66	123.1
Joe Hughes, Wyoming	Jr	12	373	216	57.91	16	4.29	2706	7.25	14	3.75	122.7
Tyjuan Hayes, Southwestern Louisiana	Jr	9	147	79	53.74	5	3.40	1033	7.03	7	4.76	121.7
Jim Miller, Michigan State	Jr	9	191	122	63.87	7	3.66	1400	7.33	2	1.05	121.6
Erik White, Bowling Green	Sr	11	344	195	56.69	17	4.94	2380	6.92	17	4.94	121.2
John Kaleo, Maryland	Sr	11	482	286	59.34	22	4.56	3392	7.04	17	3.53	121.0
Dan Freiburg, Southern Methodist	Sr	11	390	229	58.72	12	3.08	2580	6.62	15	3.85	120.8
Jason Verduzco, Illinois	Sr	10	248	158	63.71	7	2.82	1531	6.17	8	3.23	120.6
Mark Brunell, Washington	Sr	11	189	109	57.67	4	2.12	1301	6.88	5	2.65	120.0
Chip Hileary, Kansas	Sr	11	215	106	49.30	11	5.12	1583	7.36	12	5.58	119.3
Jeff Garcia, San Jose State	Jr	11	371	209	56.33	11	2.96	2418	6.52	15	4.04	118.5
Fred Gatlin, Nevada	Sr	10	179	97	54.19	11	6.15	1234	6.89	10	5.59	118.2

## FIELD GOALS

	CL	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FGPG
Joe Allison, Memphis State	Jr	11	25	23	.920	2.09
Scott Ethridge, Auburn	So	11	28	22	.786	2.00
Nelson Welch, Clemson	So	11	28	22	.786	2.00
Rich Thompson, Wisconsin	Sr	11	32	22	.688	2.00
Rusty Hanna, Toledo	Sr	11	29	21	.724	1.91
Tommy Thompson, Oregon	Jr	11	31	20	.645	1.82
Eric Lange, Tulsa	Sr	11	23	19	.826	1.73
Scott Sisson, Georgia Tech	Sr	11	24	19	.792	1.73
Sean Jones, Utah State	Sr	11	24	18	.750	1.64
Daron Alcorn, Akron	Sr	11	26	18	.692	1.64
Michael Proctor, Alabama	Fr	12	27	19	.704	1.58
Todd Wright, Arkansas	Sr	11	25	17	.680	1.55
Aaron Peiporn, Minnesota	Sr	11	29	17	.586	1.55
Joe O'Leary, Purdue	Sr	10	19	15	.789	1.50
Doug Brien, California	Jr	11	18	16	.889	1.45
Scott Blanton, Oklahoma	So	11	18	16	.889	1.45
Dan Eichloff, Kansas	Jr	11	20	16	.800	1.45
Eric Abrams, Stanford	Fr	11	20	16	.800	1.45
Scott Szeredy, Texas	Jr	11	21	16	.762	1.45
John Becksvoort, Tennessee	So	11	23	16	.696	1.45
Jeff Jacke, Missouri	Sr	11	24	16	.667	1.45
John Biskup, Syracuse	Sr	11	24	16	.667	1.45
Tim Williams, Ohio State	Sr	11	29	16	.552	1.45
Chris Yergensen, Utah	Jr	9	20	13	.650	1.44
Mike Vanderjagt, West Virginia	Sr	11	19	15	.789	1.36

## PUNTING

(MIN 3.6 PUNTS PER GAME)	CL	NO	AVG	G	YDS
Ed Bunn, UTEP	Sr	41	47.68	10	1955
Mitch Berger, Colorado	Jr	53	47.04	11	2493
Brian Parvin, Nevada-Las Vegas	Sr	57	46.26	11	2637
Sean Snyder, Kansas State	Sr	80	44.65	11	3572
Jeff Buffaloe, Memphis State	Sr	52	44.56	11	2317
Jason Elam, Hawaii	Sr	49	44.47	12	2179
Todd Sauerbrun, West Virginia	So	53	44.30	11	2348
Jim Digulio, Indiana	So	53	44.28	11	2347
David Davis, Texas A&M	Sr	70	43.81	12	3067
Todd Jordan, Mississippi State	Jr	52	43.60	10	2267
Daron Alcorn, Akron	Sr	60	43.58	11	2615
Mike Stigge, Nebraska	Sr	53	43.21	11	2290
Pete Raether, Arkansas	Sr	68	43.21	11	2938
Mike Thomas, North Carolina	Fr	56	43.13	11	2415
Lee Myhre, San Jose State	Jr	54	42.89	11	2316
Josh Miller, Arizona	Sr	74	42.69	11	3159
Terry Daniel, Auburn	So	65	42.63	11	2771
Chris Noonan, California	Sr	60	42.62	11	2557
Robert King, Texas Tech	Jr	53	42.57	11	2256
Tommy Thompson, Oregon	Jr	54	42.13	11	2275
Brad Reddell, Oklahoma	Sr	49	41.94	11	2055
Darren Schager, UCLA	So	74	41.89	11	3100
Tim Kollas, Oregon State	Jr	71	41.83	11	2970
Randy Baggett, Southwestern Louisiana	Sr	71	41.82	11	2969



Scott Tyner, Oklahoma State	Jr	77	41.81	11	3219
Jeff Beckley, Boston College	So	45	41.73	11	1878
Noel Prefontaine, California State-Fullerton	Fr	71	41.73	11	2963
Paul Stonehouse, Stanford	Sr	81	41.72	12	3379
Gary Layton, Miami (OH)	So	71	41.70	11	2961
Brandon Brookfield, Louisville	So	60	41.68	11	2501
Chris Macinnis, Air Force	Jr	58	41.53	11	2409
Leon Theodorou, Pittsburgh	Sr	48	41.29	12	1982
Tim Davis, Duke	Sr	51	41.20	11	2101
Tom Hutton, Tennessee	So	64	41.13	11	2632

## INTERCEPTIONS

	CL	G	NO	YDS	TD	IPG
Carlton McDonald, Air Force	Sr	11	8	109	1	73
C.J. Masters, Kansas State	Sr	11	7	152	2	64
Greg Evans, Texas Christian	Jr	11	7	121	0	64
T. Drakeford, Virginia Tech	Jr	11	7	121	1	64
Joe Bair, Bowling Green	Jr	11	7	51	0	64
Chris Owens, Akron	Sr	11	7	49	0	64
Corey Sawyer, Florida State	So	11	7	0	0	64
Deon Figures, Colorado	Sr	10	6	21	0	60
Herman O'Berry, Oregon	So	10	6	3	0	60
Terry Ulmer, Southern Mississippi	Jr	11	6	132	0	55
Rico Wesley, Texas Christian	Jr	11	6	125	0	55
Jaime Mendez, Kansas State	Jr	11	6	121	0	55
Greg Grandison, East Carolina	Sr	11	6	104	0	55
Charlie Brennan, Boston College	Sr	11	6	88	0	55
Victor Green, Akron	Sr	11	6	69	1	55
Stephen Harris, Houston	Sr	11	6	53	0	55
Greg Myers, Colorado State	Fr	11	6	51	0	55
Bob Grosvenor, Syracuse	Jr	11	6	38	0	55
Cary Brabham, Southern Methodist	Sr	11	6	30	0	55
Donald Toomer, Utah State	So	11	6	21	0	55
Antonio Langham, Alabama	Jr	12	6	114	2	50
Aaron Glenn, Texas A&M	Jr	12	6	99	1	50
George Teague, Alabama	Sr	12	6	0	0	50
Darnell Walker, Oklahoma	Sr	10	5	107	1	50
Jocelyn Borgella, Cincinnati	Jr	11	5	171	0	45
Perry Carter, Southern Mississippi	Jr	11	5	159	2	45
Scott Harmon, Oklahoma State	Jr	11	5	85	1	45
Vance Benton, Kent	Jr	11	5	79	1	45
Xavier Kairy, Nevada	Sr	11	5	71	0	45
Greg Burns, Washington State	So	11	5	53	0	45
Mark Ricks, Western Michigan	Sr	11	5	51	1	45
Danny Boyd, Mississippi	Sr	11	5	44	0	45
Tracy Saul, Texas Tech	Sr	11	5	42	0	45
Dean Peevy, Arkansas	So	11	5	37	0	45
Tony Jones, Syracuse	So	11	5	32	0	45
Jeff Burris, Notre Dame	Jr	11	5	6	0	45
Jay Davis, Indiana	Jr	11	5	3	0	45
Brock Marion, Nevada	Sr	11	5	2	0	45
Tom Carter, Notre Dame	Jr	11	5	0	0	45
Ricky Turner, North Carolina State	Sr	12	5	74	0	42
Tommy Jones, Fresno State	Jr	12	5	59	0	42
Vaughn, Bryant, Stanford	Jr	12	5	31	1	42
Paul Wallace, Wyoming	Sr	12	5	31	0	42
Junior Marcellus, Wyoming	Sr	12	5	24	0	42
Derwin Gray, Brigham Young	Sr	12	5	13	0	42
Chris Hudson, Colorado	So	10	4	60	0	40
Kwamie Lassiter, Kansas	Jr	10	4	53	0	40
Tom Cavallo, Louisville	Jr	10	4	20	0	40
Sean Washington, Rice	Jr	11	4	153	2	36
Dexter Seigler, Miami (FL)	Jr	11	4	146	2	36

## TEAM LEADERS

## PASSING OFFENSE

	GAMES	ATT	CMP	INT	PCT	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	YDS/PG	CM	IMPCT	YDS/CMP	WINS	LOSSES	TIES
Houston	11	619	368	24	59.5	4478	7.2	36	407.1	2	3.877	12.2	4	7	0
Maryland	11	514	304	23	59.1	3628	7.1	18	329.8	0	4.475	11.9	3	8	0
Miami (FL)	11	457	259	7	56.7	3476	7.6	23	316.0	0	5.132	13.4	11	0	0
Nevada	11	497	268	27	53.9	3328	6.7	23	302.5	0	5.433	12.4	7	4	0
Brigham Young	12	405	222	19	54.8	3575	8.8	27	297.9	1	4.691	16.1	8	4	0
Colorado	11	398	232	20	58.3	3271	8.2	22	297.4	1	5.025	14.1	9	1	1
Missouri	11	442	258	12	58.4	3223	7.3	13	293.0	0	2.715	12.5	3	8	0
Pittsburgh	12	455	266	20	58.5	3483	7.7	23	290.3	1	4.396	13.1	3	9	0
Florida	12	503	290	18	57.7	3440	6.8	25	286.7	0	3.579	11.9	8	4	0
East Carolina	11	497	272	17	54.7	3085	6.2	27	280.5	3	5.433	11.3	5	6	0
Washington State	11	409	227	15	55.5	2986	7.3	20	271.5	1	3.667	13.2	8	3	0
Pacific	11	441	243	19	55.1	2984	6.8	18	271.3	0	4.308	12.3	3	8	0
Southern Methodist	11	452	255	13	56.4	2893	6.4	16	263.0	0	2.876	11.3	5	6	0
Utah	11	407	236	12	58.0	2878	7.1	14	261.6	4	2.948	12.2	6	5	0
Florida State	11	387	214	17	55.3	2828	7.3	23	257.1	0	4.393	13.2	10	1	0
Fresno State	12	346	184	14	53.2	3066	8.9	23	255.5	2	4.046	16.7	8	4	0
Wyoming	12	434	244	22	56.2	3065	7.1	17	255.4	3	5.069	12.6	5	7	0
New Mexico State	11	349	189	15	54.2	2788	8.0	16	253.5	1	4.298	14.8	6	5	0
Utah State	11	427	232	14	54.3	2786	6.5	16	253.3	1	3.279	12.0	5	6	0
San Diego State	11	386	201	11	52.1	2764	7.2	22	251.3	2	2.850	13.8	5	5	1
Duke	11	395	209	19	52.9	2670	6.8	15	242.7	0	4.810	12.8	2	9	0
Texas Tech	11	380	193	14	50.8	2661	7.0	19	241.9	0	3.684	13.8	5	6	0
California	11	380	221	18	58.2	2610	6.9	19	237.3	1	4.737	11.4	4	7	0
Georgia Tech	11	398	206	10	51.8	2580	6.5	16	234.5	2	2.513	12.5	5	6	0
Minnesota	11	448	229	20	51.1	2515	5.6	9	228.6	1	4.464	11.0	2	9	0
Western Michigan	11	393	189	15	48.1	2513	6.4	11	228.5	0	3.817	13.3	7	3	1
Bowling Green	11	364	204	19	56.0	2499	6.9	18	227.2	2	5.220	12.3	9	2	0

Tennessee quarterback Heath Shuler ran for two TDs and passed for another in the Vols' 31-14 victory over Florida. Ohio State's Eddie George rushed for three TDs in the visiting Buckeyes' 35-12 upset of Syracuse, while Pitt quarterback Alex Van Pelt threw for 395 yards to pass Dan Marino as the school's all-time passing yardage leader in the Panthers' 21-16 loss to Rutgers. In Toledo's 33-29 upset over Purdue, Marcus Goodwin caught 13 passes for 134 yards for the winners.

## Week 5 Sept. 26

Can anybody make a game-winning field goal to beat these guys? Arizona sophomore Steve McLaughlin's 51-yard field goal on the game's final play was wide right, and therefore Miami (Fla.) survived, 8-7, over 27-point underdog Arizona.

Elsewhere, things went much as expected. No. 3 Florida State prepared for its annual showdown with Miami (Fla.) with a 35-7 win over Wake Forest. Freshman Tamarick Vanover was the star for Florida State with a 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and an 18-yard TD catch.

No. 4 Michigan gave the Houston Cougars a taste of their own medicine, thrashing the Cougars, 61-7. It took the Wolverines all of 12 seconds to get on the board as Tyrone Wheatley returned the opening kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown.

The defense didn't rest as No. 6 Notre Dame, No. 7 Alabama and No. 8 Tennessee all recorded shutout wins. Perhaps the best defensive performance of the week was turned in by UCLA, which held San Diego State's Marshall Faulk to 118 yards in the Bruins' 35-7 victory.

UCLA coach Terry Donahue breathed a sigh of relief: "Marshall Faulk is one of the top players in the country. He's extremely fast. I'm glad we don't have to worry about him for another year."



## Week 6

Oct. 3

Another meeting with Miami (Fla.) and another last-second field goal sailed wide right for Florida State. This time the Hurricanes (4-0) escaped with a 19-16 victory when Dan Mowrey's 39-yard attempt went wide in the game's last play—an ending eerily reminiscent of their 17-16 victory over the Seminoles the year before.

Washington defeated USC, 17-10, as Billy Joe Hobert threw two TD passes in the first 5:20 of the game, then the Huskies (4-0) relied on their defense (5 takeaways, 6 sacks) to secure the win. Michigan notched its 14th straight Big Ten victory as Tyrone Wheatley rushed for 224 yards and three scores in a 52-28 victory over Iowa. Notre Dame's dream of winning a national title died as Glyn Milburn rushed for 119 yards and two TDs in Stanford's 33-16 victory over Notre Dame.

Tennessee head coach Johnny Majors, who underwent quintuple bypass surgery Aug. 25, was back on the sidelines after missing three games and coaching a fourth from the press box. The Vols (5-0) responded by whipping LSU, 20-0.

Texas A&M (5-0) remained undefeated when Terry Venetoulis made a 21-yard field goal as time expired to lift the Aggies to a 19-17 win over Texas Tech. San Jose State kicker Joe Nedney booted a last-second, Big West record 60-yard field goal to give the Spartans a 26-24 win over Wyoming.

## Week 7

Oct. 10

Arkansas kicker Todd Wright showed the right stuff, connecting on a 41-yard field goal with two seconds left to upset Tennessee, 25-24. For the third straight week Miami (Fla.) found itself in a tussle, but also found a way to win. Miami's Darren Krein scored the deciding TD on a 28-yard interception return, marking the first interception thrown by a Penn State quarterback in 147 pass attempts. As if

Iowa	12	416	247	13	59.4	2723	6.5	18	226.9	4	3.125	11.0	5	7	0
Texas	11	347	190	16	54.8	2489	7.2	17	226.3	1	4.611	13.1	6	5	0
Rutgers	11	340	176	19	51.8	2444	7.2	20	222.2	0	5.588	13.9	7	4	0
San Jose State	11	378	212	11	56.1	2433	6.4	15	221.2	2	2.910	11.5	7	4	0
Penn State	11	342	172	5	50.3	2391	7.0	15	217.4	4	1.462	13.9	7	4	0
Stanford	12	369	213	9	57.7	2595	7.0	14	216.3	1	2.439	12.2	9	3	0
Georgia	11	274	161	12	58.8	2370	8.6	13	215.5	0	4.380	14.7	9	2	0
New Mexico	11	323	173	13	53.6	2368	7.3	18	215.3	2	4.025	13.7	3	8	0
Southern California	11	301	175	14	58.1	2358	7.8	15	214.4	2	4.651	13.5	6	4	1
Syracuse	11	252	150	12	59.5	2343	9.3	15	213.0	1	4.762	15.6	9	2	0
Central Michigan	11	282	165	13	58.5	2258	8.0	18	205.3	1	4.610	13.7	5	6	0
Nevada-Las Vegas	11	319	138	19	43.3	2256	7.1	18	205.1	1	5.956	16.3	6	5	0
Boston College	11	269	148	12	55.0	2254	8.4	15	204.9	1	4.461	15.2	8	2	1
Wake Forest	11	314	173	9	55.1	2219	7.1	13	201.7	2	2.866	12.8	7	4	0
Oklahoma	11	287	158	17	55.1	2214	7.7	12	201.3	2	5.923	14.0	5	4	2
Michigan	11	275	182	15	66.2	2211	8.0	23	201.0	0	5.455	12.1	8	0	3
Memphis State	11	308	182	12	59.1	2191	7.1	19	199.2	0	3.896	12.0	6	5	0
Tulsa	11	357	174	15	48.7	2185	6.1	10	198.6	0	4.202	12.6	4	7	0
Northwestern	11	303	186	10	61.4	2165	7.1	11	196.8	0	3.300	11.6	3	8	0
Washington	11	331	185	7	55.9	2125	6.4	11	193.2	2	2.115	11.5	9	2	0
Indiana	11	338	187	13	55.3	2107	6.2	8	191.5	1	3.846	11.3	5	6	0
Toledo	11	342	169	8	49.4	2084	6.1	7	189.5	1	2.339	12.3	8	3	0
Notre Dame	11	253	130	8	51.4	2084	8.2	18	189.5	1	3.162	16.0	9	1	1
North Carolina State	12	311	191	10	61.4	2273	7.3	12	189.4	0	3.215	11.9	9	2	1

## PASS EFFICIENCY DEFENSE

	GAMES	ATT	CMP	CMP PCT	INT	INT PCT	YDS	YDS/ATT	TD	TD PCT	RATING	POINTS	WINS	LOSSES	TIES
Western Michigan	11	283	121	42.76	15	5.30	1522	5.38	5	1.77	83.16	7	3	1	
Alabama	12	330	164	49.70	22	6.67	1670	5.06	6	1.82	84.87	12	0	0	
Colorado	11	257	105	40.86	18	7.00	1461	5.68	8	3.11	84.87	9	1	1	
Stanford	12	354	161	45.48	18	5.08	1869	5.28	10	2.82	88.98	9	3	0	
Miami (FL)	11	358	173	48.32	18	5.03	1861	5.20	10	2.79	91.15	11	0	0	
Auburn	11	270	117	43.33	16	5.93	1565	5.80	10	3.70	92.39	5	5	1	
Mississippi	11	362	169	46.69	17	4.70	2014	5.56	10	2.76	93.14	8	3	0	
Southern Mississippi	11	297	143	48.15	19	6.40	1692	5.70	9	3.03	93.21	7	4	0	
Toledo	11	325	148	45.54	13	4.00	1880	5.78	7	2.15	93.24	8	3	0	
Georgia	11	302	151	50.00	12	3.97	1699	5.63	5	1.66	94.77	9	2	0	
Memphis State	11	319	152	47.65	13	4.08	1681	5.27	11	3.45	95.14	6	5	0	
Arizona	11	363	188	51.79	16	4.41	2067	5.69	5	1.38	95.35	6	4	1	
Ohio State	11	332	178	53.61	19	5.72	1955	5.89	5	1.51	96.60	8	2	1	
Florida State	11	386	182	47.15	18	4.66	2114	5.48	15	3.89	96.65	10	1	0	
Arizona State	11	300	153	51.00	11	3.67	1634	5.45	7	2.33	97.12	6	5	0	
Akron	11	299	153	51.17	24	8.03	1871	6.26	9	3.01	97.61	7	3	1	
Bowling Green	11	359	182	50.70	19	5.29	2071	5.77	11	3.06	98.68	9	2	0	
Texas A&M	12	379	184	48.55	16	4.22	2230	5.88	11	2.90	99.11	12	0	0	
Northern Illinois	11	331	178	53.78	11	3.32	1775	5.36	7	2.11	99.15	5	6	0	
Washington State	11	317	147	46.37	14	4.42	1905	6.01	11	3.47	99.47	8	3	0	
Boston College	11	283	141	49.82	15	5.30	1682	5.94	10	3.53	100.81	8	2	1	
North Carolina State	12	405	214	52.84	18	4.44	2294	5.66	12	2.96	101.31	9	2	1	
Indiana	11	266	136	51.13	11	4.14	1694	6.37	4	1.50	101.31	5	6	0	
Washington	11	277	131	47.29	14	5.05	1818	6.56	8	2.89	101.85	9	2	0	
Virginia	11	316	162	51.27	17	5.38	1861	5.89	12	3.80	102.51	7	4	0	
Vanderbilt	11	288	148	51.39	13	4.51	1852	6.43	7	2.43	104.40	4	7	0	
Utah	11	270	128	47.41	14	5.19	1812	6.71	9	3.33	104.41	6	5	0	
Kansas State	11	322	176	54.66	21	6.52	2094	6.50	9	2.80	105.46	5	6	0	
Louisiana Tech	11	228	111	48.68	12	5.26	1358	5.96	12	5.26	105.56	5	6	0	
Wake Forest	11	311	169	54.34	13	4.18	1956	6.29	7	2.25	106.24	7	4	0	
Notre Dame	11	387	206	53.23	15	3.88	2377	6.14	11	2.84	106.45	9	1	1	
North Carolina	11	314	164	52.23	13	4.14	1950	6.21	10	3.18	106.62	8	3	0	
Arkansas	11	275	160	58.18	17	6.18	1720	6.25	7	2.55	106.76	3	7	1	
South Carolina	11	294	147	50.00	10	3.40	1874	6.37	9	3.06	106.84	5	6	0	
Nevada	11	319	147	46.08	15	4.70	2116	6.63	14	4.39	106.88	7	4	0	
Mississippi State	11	313	166	53.04	18	5.75	2130	6.81	8	2.56	107.13	7	4	0	
Nebraska	11	276	145	52.54	16	5.80	1886	6.83	8	2.90	107.91	9	2	0	
Kansas	11	307	158	51.47	16	5.21	2141	6.97	8	2.61	108.22	7	4	0	
Louisiana State	11	279	149	53.41	11	3.94	1778	6.37	8	2.87	108.51	2	9	0	
Penn State	11	331	152	45.92	13	3.93	2110	6.37	17	5.14	108.56	7	4	0	
Kent	11	288	140	48.61	18	6.25	1847	6.41	17	5.90	109.46	2	9	0	
Central Michigan	11	293	160	54.61	13	4.44	1850	6.31	10	3.41	110.03	5	6	0	
UCLA	11	235	115	48.94	7	2.98	1488	6.33	10	4.26	110.21	6	5	0	
Missouri	11	279	137	49.10	11	3.94	1902	6.82	10	3.58	110.31	3	8	0	
Air Force	11	299	154	51.51	16	5.35	2027	6.78	12	4.01	110.99	7	4	0	
Michigan	11	364	210	57.69	13	3.57	2266	6.23	9	2.47	111.00	8	0	3	
Pacific	11	299	168	56.19	14	4.68	1916	6.41	10	3.34	111.69	3	8	0	
Miami (OH)	11	274	142	51.82	13	4.74	1831	6.68	11	4.01	111.72	6	4	1	
Brigham Young	12	433	233	53.81	9	2.08	2773	6.40	11	2.54	111.83	8	4	0	
Syracuse	11	365	188	51.51	24	6.58	2696	7.39	13	3.56	112.15	9	2	0	

## SCORING OFFENSE

	GAMES	PTS	AVG	TD	KXP	QXP	DXPK	DXPO	FG	SF	WINS	LOSSES	TIES
Fresno	12	486	40.5	65	58	4	0	0	10	0	8	4	0
Nebraska	11	427	38.8	58	56	0	0	0	7	1	9	2	0
Florida State	11	419	38.1	56	51	0	0	0	10	1	10	1	0
Notre Dame	11	409	37.2	54	49	2	0	0	10	1	9	1	1
Michigan	11	393	35.7	54	49	0	0	0	6	1	8	0	3
Penn State	11	388	35.3	52	38	6	1	0	8	0	7	4	0
Houston	11	378	34.4	50	41	3	0	0	9	2	4	7	0
Hawaii	12	394	32.8	49	44	4	0	0	16	0	10	2	0
Miami (FL)	11	356	32.4	45	41	1	0	0	13	2	11	0	0
Georgia	11	352	32.0	44	43	0	0	0	15	0	9	2	0
Kansas	11	350	31.8	43	38	3	0	0	16	0	7	4	0
Rutgers	11	341	31.0	45	41	0	0	0	10	0	7	4	0
Virginia	11	341	31.0	44	36	1	0	0	13	0	7	4	0
San Diego State	11	334	30.4	42	39	2	0	0	13	0	5	5	1
San Jose State	11	330	30.0	41	30	5	0	0	14	1	7	4	0
Brigham Young	12	355	29.6	45	42	1	0	0	13	1	8	4	0



Baylor	11	324	29.5	42	36	3	0	0	10	0	6	5	0
Texas A&M	12	349	29.1	43	39	0	0	0	16	2	12	0	0
Colorado	11	318	28.9	39	38	1	0	0	14	1	9	1	1
Syracuse	11	314	28.5	38	34	2	0	0	16	0	9	2	0
Memphis State	11	312	28.4	35	33	0	0	0	23	0	6	5	0
Tennessee	11	309	28.1	37	35	1	0	0	16	1	8	3	0
Boston College	11	307	27.9	42	38	1	0	0	5	0	8	2	1
Washington	11	306	27.8	39	36	2	0	0	10	1	9	2	0
Washington State	11	306	27.8	39	30	2	0	0	12	1	8	3	0
Alabama	12	332	27.7	39	38	0	0	0	20	0	12	0	0
Utah State	11	300	27.3	36	28	1	0	0	18	0	5	6	0
North Carolina State	12	325	27.1	40	40	0	0	0	15	0	9	2	1
Rice	11	294	26.7	39	34	1	0	0	8	0	6	5	0
Texas	11	292	26.5	35	32	1	0	0	16	0	6	5	0
Utah	11	292	26.5	36	23	6	0	0	13	1	6	5	0
Maryland	11	292	26.5	38	30	1	0	0	10	1	3	8	0
Bowling Green	11	289	26.3	38	33	2	0	0	8	0	9	2	0
East Carolina	11	289	26.3	41	31	3	0	0	2	0	5	6	0
Texas Tech	11	287	26.1	35	30	1	1	0	13	2	5	6	0
New Mexico State	11	286	26.0	39	33	1	0	0	5	1	6	5	0
West Virginia	11	286	26.0	35	27	1	0	0	15	1	5	4	2
Nevada	11	284	25.8	36	33	0	0	0	11	1	7	4	0
California	11	284	25.8	34	28	1	0	0	16	1	4	7	0
Wyoming	12	302	25.2	38	32	4	0	0	10	2	5	7	0
Stanford	12	296	24.7	35	32	1	0	0	16	2	9	3	0
Oklahoma	11	271	24.6	32	27	1	0	0	16	1	5	4	2
Virginia Tech	11	270	24.5	34	28	1	0	0	12	0	2	8	1
Toledo	11	269	24.5	29	26	1	0	0	21	2	8	3	0
North Carolina	11	268	24.4	32	28	3	0	0	14	0	8	3	0
Duke	11	265	24.1	35	32	0	0	0	7	1	2	9	0
Pittsburgh	12	289	24.1	35	27	2	0	0	16	0	3	9	0
Florida	12	288	24.0	37	36	0	0	0	10	0	8	4	0
Clemson	11	261	23.7	28	23	0	0	0	22	2	5	6	0
Colorado State	12	281	23.4	38	32	0	0	0	7	0	5	7	0

## SCORING DEFENSE

	GAMES	PTS	AVG	TD	KRP	DXP	DXPK	DXP0	FG	SF	WINS	LOSSES	TIES
Arizona	11	98	8.9	9	5	2	0	0	11	1	6	4	1
Alabama	12	109	9.1	12	8	3	0	0	7	1	12	0	0
Miami (FL)	11	127	11.5	15	13	0	0	0	8	0	11	0	0
Ohio State	11	137	12.5	17	10	1	0	0	7	1	8	2	1
Michigan	11	140	12.7	16	10	2	0	0	10	0	8	0	3
Georgia	11	141	12.8	15	13	1	0	0	12	0	9	2	0
Washington	11	148	13.5	18	14	1	0	0	8	0	9	2	0
Toledo	11	153	13.9	17	15	1	0	0	10	2	8	3	0
Texas A&M	12	168	14.0	19	13	1	0	0	13	0	12	0	0
Louisiana Tech	11	167	15.2	18	17	0	0	0	14	0	5	6	0
North Carolina State	12	184	15.3	20	19	0	0	0	15	0	9	2	1
Central Michigan	11	170	15.5	23	18	0	0	0	4	1	5	6	0
Florida State	11	172	15.6	19	17	0	0	0	13	1	10	1	0
Nebraska	11	172	15.6	19	16	2	0	0	12	1	9	2	0
Tennessee	11	173	15.7	21	17	0	0	0	10	0	8	3	0
Mississippi	11	174	15.8	20	16	1	0	0	12	0	8	3	0
Mississippi State	11	176	16.0	18	15	1	0	0	17	0	7	4	0
Stanford	12	193	16.1	26	18	1	0	0	5	1	9	3	0
Western Michigan	11	177	16.1	24	19	1	0	0	4	0	7	3	1
Notre Dame	11	178	16.2	20	17	1	0	0	13	0	9	1	1
Memphis State	11	181	16.5	21	17	1	0	0	12	0	6	5	0
Syracuse	11	183	16.6	23	21	0	0	0	8	0	9	2	0
Oregon	11	183	16.6	22	17	1	0	0	10	1	6	5	0
Arizona State	11	185	16.8	20	17	1	0	1	14	1	6	5	0
Akron	11	186	16.9	22	19	1	0	0	11	0	7	3	1
Northern Illinois	11	193	17.5	23	19	2	0	0	10	1	5	6	0
Southern Mississippi	11	195	17.7	22	17	2	0	0	14	0	7	4	0
Oklahoma	11	196	17.8	23	22	0	2	0	10	1	5	4	2
Indiana	11	197	17.9	24	23	0	0	0	10	0	5	6	0
Colorado	11	198	18.0	24	20	2	0	0	10	0	9	1	1
Wisconsin	11	199	18.1	23	16	3	0	0	13	0	5	6	0
Boston College	11	200	18.2	26	19	2	0	0	7	0	8	2	1
Bowling Green	11	201	18.3	24	14	2	0	0	13	0	9	2	0
Miami (OH)	11	204	18.5	26	23	0	0	0	7	2	6	4	1
Auburn	11	205	18.6	25	21	2	0	0	10	0	5	5	1
Illinois	11	208	18.9	23	18	1	0	0	16	1	6	4	1
Arkansas	11	209	19.0	24	21	1	0	0	14	0	3	7	1
Penn State	11	210	19.1	26	20	2	0	0	10	0	7	4	0
Clemson	11	213	19.4	26	22	1	0	0	11	0	5	6	0
North Carolina	11	216	19.6	28	25	0	0	0	7	1	8	3	0
Wake Forest	11	225	20.5	30	27	0	0	0	6	0	7	4	0
Air Force	11	225	20.5	27	22	1	0	0	13	0	7	4	0
Southern California	11	225	20.5	27	25	1	0	0	12	0	6	4	1
UCLA	11	228	20.7	27	24	1	0	0	12	2	6	5	0
Virginia	11	229	20.8	30	22	3	0	0	7	0	7	4	0
Kansas State	11	233	21.2	28	24	1	0	0	13	0	5	6	0
West Virginia	11	238	21.6	31	25	0	0	0	9	0	5	4	2
South Carolina	11	240	21.8	30	27	0	0	0	11	0	5	6	0
Kansas	11	242	22.0	29	25	2	0	0	13	0	7	4	0
Iowa State	11	242	22.0	30	23	3	0	0	11	0	4	7	0
Bali State	11	243	22.1	30	27	0	0	0	12	0	5	6	0

## RUSHING OFFENSE

	GAMES	CARRIES	YDS	AVG	TD	YDSPG	WINS	LOSSES	TIES
Nebraska	11	618	3610	5.8	40	328.2	9	2	0
Hawaii	12	630	3519	5.6	32	293.3	10	2	0
Notre Dame	11	555	3090	5.6	34	280.9	9	1	0
Army	11	667	2934	4.4	23	266.7	5	6	0
Michigan	11	531	2909	5.5	28	264.5	8	0	3
Clemson	11	580	2828	4.9	21	257.1	5	6	0

that weren't enough, the Hurricanes sealed the win with, you guessed it, another interception—this one by Paul White with 1:04 remaining.

Elsewhere, Alabama's Derrick Lassic ran for 188 yards and one TD in the Tide's 37-0 win over Tulane. Washington remained unbeaten as sophomore Napoleon Kaufman ran for 208 yards and two scores in the Huskies' 35-16 win over California. Tyrone Wheatley (172 yards, 2 TDs) led Michigan (4-0-1) past Michigan State before the largest regular-season crowd in NCAA history (106,788). Georgia's Heisman Trophy candidate Garrison Hearst rushed for 173 yards and two TDs as the Bulldogs downed Division I-AA power Georgia Southern, 34-7.

## Week 8

### Oct. 17

Miami (Fla.) and Washington continued their two-year war for No. 1 with impressive wins over less-than-impressive opponents. Washington dumped Oregon, 24-3, while Miami dumped TCU, 45-10.

Meanwhile, Alabama (7-0) became a serious contender for a national title as Derrick Lassic ran for 142 yards and two TDs as the Tide rolled over Tennessee, 17-10.

Colorado's Mitch Berger kicked a 53-yard field goal on the game's final play as the Buffaloes (5-0-1) salvaged a 24-24 tie with Oklahoma. Boston College quarterback Glenn Foley threw for 344 yards and four TDs as the Eagles (5-0-1) continued to climb in the polls with a 35-32 upset of Penn State.

## Week 9

### Oct. 24

Week 9 was as predictable as a prime-time sitcom: Washington, Miami (Fla.), Alabama and Texas A&M all recorded wins. Only Texas A&M was tested, before holding off Baylor, 19-13. As a result of its close call Alabama (8-0), a 31-10 winner over Mississippi, leapfrogged Texas A&M (7-0) in the polls.



USC jack-of-all-trades Curtis Conway scored two touchdowns and set up a third score with a 58-yard kickoff return in the Trojans' 31-21 win over previously unbeaten Washington State. Kansas running back Maurice Douglas rushed for 115 yards and one TD as the Jayhawks (6-1) posted one of the most important football victories in the school's history, 27-10 over visiting Oklahoma.

## Week 10

### Oct. 31

Halloween weekend produced a scare for Michigan, a 24-17 winner over Purdue. The Wolverines (7-0-1), who trailed 17-7 at the half, finally iced the victory when Boilermaker quarterback Eric Hunter's "Hail Mary" pass was intercepted with fewer than 20 seconds left.

On a cold, rainy field that slowed the ACC's two highest-scoring teams, Florida State clinched the ACC crown with a 13-3 victory over Virginia. San Diego State's Marshall Faulk saw his Heisman hopes take a serious hit when he was forced to leave the Aztecs' 20-13 victory over Colorado State with a strained quadricep muscle.

Natrone Means rushed for 249 yards and two TDs as North Carolina defeated Maryland, 31-24. BYU, paced by the running of Kalin Hall (117 yards, 1 TD) and the passing of Ryan Hancock (13 for 19, 220 yards, 3 TDs), upset Penn State, 30-17.

## Week 11

### Nov. 7

This time Arizona kicker Steve McLaughlin got it right—instead of wide right. McLaughlin, who earlier in the season missed a last-second field goal that would've toppled Miami (Fla.), was given a second chance to knock off a heavyweight and delivered three field goals in the Wildcats' 16-3 win over Washington. Arizona's "Desert Swarm" defense held the Huskies to their lowest point total since '85.

For the first time in over a year Miami didn't have to hear an argu-

Air Force	11	610	2665	4.4	26	242.3	7	4	0
Baylor	11	570	2641	4.6	24	240.1	6	5	0
Colorado State	12	571	2881	5.0	25	240.1	5	7	0
Virginia	11	513	2589	5.0	19	235.4	7	4	0
Georgia	11	458	2584	5.6	28	234.9	9	2	0
Boston College	11	548	2568	4.7	26	233.5	8	2	1
Kansas	11	563	2553	4.5	27	232.1	7	4	0
West Virginia	11	532	2522	4.7	19	229.3	5	4	2
Texas A&M	12	570	2734	4.8	31	227.8	12	0	0
Fresno State	12	535	2725	5.1	38	227.1	8	4	0
Oregon State	11	620	2452	4.0	20	222.9	1	9	1
North Carolina	11	534	2439	4.6	23	221.7	8	3	0
Vanderbilt	11	578	2435	4.2	21	221.4	4	7	0
Syracuse	11	552	2426	4.4	21	220.5	9	2	0
Penn State	11	478	2360	4.9	34	214.5	7	4	0
Tennessee	11	527	2325	4.4	25	211.4	8	3	0
Alabama	12	588	2507	4.3	26	208.9	12	0	0
Iowa State	11	568	2262	4.0	19	205.6	4	7	0
North Carolina State	12	544	2464	4.5	22	205.3	9	2	1
Virginia Tech	11	515	2255	4.4	16	205.0	2	8	1
Florida State	11	464	2252	4.9	26	204.7	10	1	0
Akron	11	556	2181	3.9	17	198.3	7	3	1
Rice	11	497	2161	4.3	21	196.5	6	5	0
Washington	11	478	2139	4.5	26	194.5	9	2	0
UTEP	11	523	2122	4.1	27	192.9	1	10	0
Cal State-Fullerton	11	612	2114	3.5	12	192.2	2	9	0
Mississippi State	11	511	2079	4.1	18	189.0	7	4	0
Ohio State	11	494	2053	4.2	24	186.6	8	2	1
Rutgers	11	435	2030	4.7	22	184.5	7	4	0
San Diego State	11	421	2012	4.8	18	182.9	5	5	1
Texas Tech	11	492	1999	4.1	15	181.7	5	6	0
Michigan State	11	452	1984	4.4	24	180.4	5	6	0
San Jose State	11	489	1980	4.0	22	180.0	7	4	0
Arizona	11	555	1935	3.5	18	175.9	6	4	1
Northern Illinois	11	489	1924	3.9	15	174.9	5	6	0
Arizona State	11	532	1897	3.6	17	172.5	6	5	0
Kentucky	11	501	1894	3.8	15	172.2	4	7	0
Navy	11	543	1867	3.4	10	169.7	1	10	0
Texas	11	446	1862	4.2	15	169.3	6	5	0
Wisconsin	11	481	1848	3.8	9	168.0	5	6	0
Central Michigan	11	513	1823	3.6	11	167.5	5	6	0
Toledo	11	482	1810	3.8	18	164.5	8	3	0
Oklahoma	11	459	1786	3.9	16	162.4	5	4	2
Pittsburgh	12	464	1946	4.2	12	162.2	3	9	0

## TOTAL OFFENSE

	GAMES	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDSPG	WINS	LOSSES	TIES
Houston	11	842	5714	6.8	48	519.45	4	7	0
Fresno State	12	881	5791	6.6	61	482.58	8	4	0
Notre Dame	11	808	5174	6.4	52	470.36	9	1	1
Maryland	11	945	5131	5.4	37	466.45	3	8	0
Michigan	11	806	5120	6.4	51	465.45	8	0	3
Florida State	11	851	5080	6.0	49	461.82	10	1	0
Brigham Young	12	879	5517	6.3	44	459.75	8	4	0
Pittsburgh	12	919	5429	5.9	35	452.42	3	9	0
Georgia	11	732	4954	6.8	41	450.36	9	2	0
Boston College	11	817	4822	5.9	41	438.36	8	2	1
Nebraska	11	817	4820	5.9	55	438.18	9	2	0
Miami (FL)	11	838	4801	5.7	41	436.45	11	0	0
San Diego State	11	807	4776	5.9	40	434.18	5	5	1
Syracuse	11	804	4769	5.9	36	433.55	9	2	0
Penn State	11	820	4751	5.8	49	431.91	7	4	0
Nevada	11	906	4739	5.2	33	430.82	7	4	0
Texas Tech	11	872	4660	5.3	34	423.64	5	6	0
East Carolina	11	824	4632	5.6	36	421.09	5	6	0
Utah	11	834	4576	5.5	33	416.00	6	5	0
West Virginia	11	811	4488	5.5	34	408.00	5	4	2
Rutgers	11	775	4474	5.8	42	406.73	7	4	0
Colorado State	12	849	4876	5.7	37	406.33	5	7	0
Pacific	11	789	4469	5.7	33	406.27	3	8	0
Washington State	11	829	4467	5.4	35	406.09	8	3	0
Baylor	11	762	4452	5.8	39	404.73	6	5	0

\*Touchdowns scored by rushing-passing only

## TOTAL DEFENSE

	GAMES	PLAYS	YDS	AVG	TD*	YDSPG	WINS	LOSSES	TIES
Alabama	12	725	2330	3.2	11	194.2	12	0	0
Arizona	11	747	2783	3.7	9	253.0	6	4	1
Memphis State	11	766	2788	3.6	20	253.5	6	5	0
Louisiana Tech	11	698	2822	4.0	15	256.5	5	6	0
Auburn	11	699	2837	4.1	20	257.9	5	5	1
Mississippi	11	775	2909	3.8	20	264.5	8	3	0
Arizona State	11	734	2957	4.0	18	268.8	6	5	0
Miami (FL)	11	764	2979	3.9	14	270.8	11	0	0
Colorado	11	731	3058	4.2	19	278.0	9	1	1
Stanford	12	821	3369	4.1	23	280.8	9	3	0
Toledo	11	791	3128	4.0	15	284.4	8	3	0
Florida State	11	786	3217	4.1	18	292.5	10	1	0
Western Michigan	11	739	3223	4.4	23	293.0	7	3	1
Michigan	11	733	3251	4.4	15	295.5	8	0	3
Oregon	11	710	3251	4.6	21	295.5	6	5	0
UCLA	11	754	3266	4.3	21	396.9	6	5	0
Ohio State	11	731	3295	4.5	16	299.5	8	2	1
Washington State	11	766	3297	4.2	26	299.7	8	3	0
California	11	739	3303	4.5	32	300.3	4	7	0
Oklahoma	11	748	3328	4.4	21	302.5	5	4	2
Texas A&M	12	808	3642	4.5	19	303.5	12	0	0
Akron	11	734	3351	4.6	20	304.6	7	3	1



Boston College	11	683	3396	5.0	25	308.7	8	2	1
Nebraska	11	738	3405	4.6	19	309.5	9	2	0
Washington	11	726	3410	4.7	17	310.0	9	2	0
Tennessee	11	710	3429	4.8	20	311.7	8	3	0

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## DIVISION II

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

#### PASSING EFFICIENCY (MINIMUM-15 ATT. PER GAME)

	CL	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	TD	RTPT
Steve Smith, Western State	SR	10	271	180	66.4	5	2719	30	183.5
John Charles, Portland State	SR	8	263	179	68.0	7	2770	24	181.3
Ken Suhl, New Haven	SR	10	239	148	61.9	5	2336	26	175.7
Kurt Coduti, Michigan Tech	SR	9	155	92	59.3	3	1518	15	169.7
Rovell McMillien, Winston-Salem	JR	11	165	83	50.3	5	1532	14	150.2
Scott Woods, Indiana (PA)	JR	10	288	171	59.3	14	2580	20	147.8
Jermaine Whitaker, New Mexico Highlands	SO	11	326	176	53.9	9	2836	25	146.9
Matt Montgomery, Hampton	SO	11	252	136	53.9	9	2000	25	146.3
Daryl Fortenberry, Sonoma State	SR	10	271	138	50.9	8	2311	24	145.9
Khari Jones, UC Davis	JR	10	275	154	56.0	9	2342	20	145.0
Mark Ramstack, Missouri Western State	SR	11	301	170	56.4	11	2440	24	143.6
John Craven, Gardner-Webb	SO	11	423	240	56.7	16	3320	32	140.1
Trevor Spradley, Southwest Baptist	SR	10	295	189	64.0	10	2414	10	137.2
Kory Wahl, North Dakota	SR	10	247	144	58.3	9	1889	15	135.3
Gary Clayton, Tuskegee	JR	10	248	130	52.4	9	2174	12	134.8
Chad Alexander, Savannah State	SR	11	213	103	48.3	6	1686	16	134.0
Don Catlett, Kentucky State	SR	10	285	136	47.7	18	2519	21	133.7
Ken Collins, Central Arkansas	SO	10	167	96	57.4	8	1345	9	133.3
Andy Breault, Kutztown	SR	10	338	197	58.2	17	2566	20	131.5
Heath Rylance, Augustana (SD)	SO	11	262	127	48.4	7	1935	20	130.4

### RUSHING

	CL	G	CAR	YDS	TD	YDPP
Roger Graham, New Haven	SO	10	200	1717	22	171.7
Ronald Moore, Pittsburg State	SR	11	239	1864	26	169.5
Karl Evans, Missouri Southern State	SR	10	327	1586	14	158.6
Thelbert Withers, New Mexico Highlands	JR	11	240	1621	15	147.4
Scott Schulte, Hillsdale	JR	11	271	1582	16	143.8
Rob Clodfelter, Livingstone	JR	10	272	1425	11	142.5
David McCartney, Chadron State	JR	10	267	1359	25	135.9
Quincy Tillmon, Emporia State	JR	9	240	1219	11	135.4
Preston Jackson, UC Davis	JR	10	209	1334	15	133.4
Chad Guthrie, Northeast Missouri State	SR	11	276	1458	19	132.5
Leonard Davis, Lenoir-Rhyne	JR	10	242	1308	13	130.8
Kelly Yancy, Morningside	JR	11	250	1396	12	126.9
Joe Gough, Wayne State (MI)	SO	11	285	1340	8	121.8
Carlos Fleeks, Hampton	JR	11	209	1312	15	119.3
Kevin Kimble, Butler	SR	10	275	1190	11	119.0
Jeremy Monroe, Michigan Tech	JR	9	152	1061	17	117.9
Hosea Knowlton, Central Arkansas	JR	10	221	1171	10	117.1
Larry Jackson, Edinboro	SO	10	198	1154	17	115.4
Rais Aho, Portland State	SR	9	222	1030	12	114.4
Jamari Eiland, Grand Valley State	SR	9	204	1029	15	114.3
Aron Wise, Santa Clara	SR	10	227	1140	13	114.0
Tyrone Rush, North Alabama	JR	10	181	1136	5	113.6
Joseph Johnson, Northwest Missouri State	SR	11	205	1241	11	112.8
Lucius Cole, Savannah State	SR	11	165	1213	13	110.3
Shawn Graves, Wofford	SR	9	160	990	11	110.0

### RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME

	CL	G	CT	YDS	TD	YDSPG
Rodney Robinson, Gardner-Webb	SR	11	89	1496	16	136.0
Johnny Cox, Fort Lewis	JR	10	65	1331	12	133.1
Charles Guy, Sonoma State	SR	10	64	1260	12	126.0
Randy Bartosh, Southwest Baptist	SR	8	65	860	2	107.5
Steve Weaver, West Chester	SR	10	53	1037	11	103.7
Tony Willis, New Haven	JR	10	51	1030	10	103.0
Reggie Alexander, Western State	SR	10	56	1013	11	101.3
Terren Adams, Missouri Western State	SR	11	62	1112	14	101.1
Lawrence Samuels, Livingston	SR	9	58	898	5	99.8
Bill Schafer, Saginaw Valley	SR	11	53	1089	10	99.0
Rus Bailey, New Mexico Highlands	JR	11	57	1063	12	96.6
Clint Primm, Cal State Sacramento	JR	10	50	951	8	95.1
Sean Stevenson, Kentucky State	SO	11	60	1028	9	93.5
Mike Ragin, Wingate	JR	10	57	892	4	89.2
Randy Montoya, New Mexico Highlands	SR	11	58	963	10	87.5
Troy Walker, Cal State Chico	JR	10	79	874	5	87.4
Matt James, Portland State	SO	9	44	786	9	87.3
Ed Minogue, Shippensburg	JR	11	52	958	6	87.1
Mike Key, Southern Utah	SR	11	67	955	5	86.8
Calvin Walker, Valdosta State	JR	10	71	867	8	86.7
Adrian Webber, Southern Connecticut State	SR	10	46	860	9	86.0
James Roe, Norfolk State	FR	10	46	850	9	85.0
Eric Jennings, Cal State Hayward	JR	9	55	764	8	84.9
Tyrone Johnson, Western State	JR	10	41	848	10	84.8
Matt Carman, Livingston	JR	9	66	759	3	84.3

ment from Washington about "Who was No. 1." Still the Hurricanes couldn't rest easy, because there were still a number of teams nipping at their heels. Alabama (9-0) rolled over LSU, 31-11. Michigan (8-0-1), behind Elvis Grbac's three TD passes, demolished Northwestern, 40-7. Florida State's Charlie Ward passed for 394 yards and four TDs as the Seminoles (8-1) amassed an ACC-record 858 yards in a 69-21 win over Maryland.

Texas A&M (9-0) received a jump start from freshman quarterback Corey Pullig in a 40-18 win over Louisville. Notre Dame ended Boston College's best start in a half-century with a 54-7 win, while Nebraska freshman Tommie Frazier threw three TD passes in the Cornhuskers' 49-7 victory over Big Eight upstart Kansas.

## Week 12

### Nov. 14

Football experts didn't need a crystal ball to foresee No. 1 Miami's 48-0 demolition of Temple. No. 2 Alabama needed a fourth-quarter rally, but clinched the SEC Western Division title with a 30-21 win over Mississippi State.

Florida State, No. 3 in the AP poll, tried to make a statement to the pollsters with a 70-7 win over Tulane, while Washington clinched a Rose Bowl rematch with Michigan with a 45-16 victory over Oregon. Michigan, meanwhile, saw its slim national title hopes go up in smoke—thanks to six turnovers in a 22-22 tie with Illinois.

In the most exciting game of the day Rick Mirer did a decent Joe Montana imitation, hitting Reggie Brooks with a two-point conversion pass to give the Irish a 17-16 win over Penn State. Iowa State fans tore down the goal posts at Cyclone-Jack Trice Field after a huge upset win, 19-10, over Nebraska.

## Week 13

### Nov. 21

In the most anticipated game on the Big East schedule Dan Prewitt



kicked three field goals, and Larry Jones ran for a TD as Miami (Fla.) stormed out to a 16-0 lead and then held on to beat Syracuse, 16-10. Texas A&M clinched the Southwest Conference title and its second consecutive trip to the Cotton Bowl with a 37-10 win over Texas Christian.

Florida's Shane Matthews set a new SEC record for career TD passes (70), and Florida clinched first place in the SEC Eastern division with a 41-21 win over Vanderbilt. Washington State's Shaumbe Wright-Fair rushed for 193 yards and three TDs as the Cougars upset Washington, 42-23, in a driving snowstorm. Washington's Rose Bowl opponent, Michigan (8-0-3) saw its tie collection grow larger than Pat Riley's after settling for a 13-13 tie with Ohio State.

## Week 14-15 Nov. 28; Dec. 5

Alabama wrapped up an undefeated regular season and rendered all postseason bowl games, other than its Jan. 1 Sugar Bowl showdown with Miami (Fla.), meaningless with a 28-21 win over Florida in the first-ever SEC championship game.

Nebraska clinched the Big Eight title and an Orange Bowl berth with a 38-24 win over Kansas State. Reggie Brooks scampered for 227 yards and three TDs as Notre Dame beat USC, 31-23. Meanwhile, Patmon Malcolm's 49-yard field goal with 0:12 left lifted Army to a come-from-behind 25-24 win over Navy in the 93rd annual meeting between the two schools.

In this year of bowl alliances and clear-cut national champions, Miami (Fla.) and San Diego State's season-end meeting looked as if it would be a one-game, winner-take-all match for college football's biggest award, the Heisman Trophy. The showdown never materialized. San Diego State's Marshall Faulk was sidelined with an injury, while Miami quarterback Gino Torretta shredded the Aztecs defense for 310 yards in a 63-17 victory—clinching the Heisman in the process.

## TEAM LEADERS PASS OFFENSE

	G	ATT	CMP	PCT	INT	YDS	YDPG
Gardner-Webb	11	501	282	56.3	19	4046	367.8
Portland State	9	318	216	67.9	7	3250	361.1
Western State	10	348	223	64.1	7	3460	346.0
Fort Lewis	10	433	227	52.4	14	3200	320.0
Livingston	9	443	237	53.5	16	2824	313.8
Kutztown	10	376	219	58.2	18	2923	292.3
West Chester	10	330	179	54.2	14	2809	280.9
Sonoma State	10	347	174	50.1	12	2786	278.6
Indiana (PA)	10	303	180	59.4	14	2721	272.1
Cal State Sacramento	10	332	178	53.6	13	2687	268.7
St. Mary's (CA)	9	318	155	48.7	11	2376	264.0
New Mexico Highlands	11	339	181	53.4	11	2894	263.1
Cal State Chico	10	468	227	48.5	20	2622	262.2
Kentucky State	11	362	169	46.7	18	2864	260.4
Valdosta State	10	416	273	65.6	15	2586	258.6
Tuskegee	10	307	162	52.8	11	2544	254.4
Wingate	10	391	206	52.7	17	2537	253.7
Southwest Baptist	10	315	199	63.2	11	2534	253.4
UC Davis	10	294	164	55.8	9	2492	249.2
New Haven	10	244	152	62.3	6	2483	248.3
East Texas State	11	354	192	54.2	19	2693	244.8
Clarion	10	334	174	52.1	17	2448	244.8
West Georgia	11	383	207	54.0	15	2684	244.0
Bloomsburg	10	358	167	46.6	22	2385	238.5
Wayne State (NE)	10	361	208	57.6	21	2384	238.4

## RUSHING DEFENSE

	G	RSHS	YDS	YDPG
Ashland	11	407	708	64.4
Humboldt State	11	369	772	70.2
Wayne State (NE)	10	380	704	70.4
Slippery Rock	11	323	804	73.1
Carson-Newman	10	333	782	78.2
Ferris State	11	414	901	81.9
West Liberty State	10	337	831	83.1
Hampton	11	353	932	84.7
Millersville	10	327	860	86.0
Eastern New Mexico	10	403	868	86.8
Cal State Sacramento	10	343	872	87.2
Texas A&I	10	417	887	88.7
Jacksonville State	10	350	935	93.5
North Dakota State	10	359	953	95.3
St. Mary's (CA)	9	329	873	97.0
Shepherd	10	331	999	99.9
Albany State (GA)	10	372	1001	100.1
Augustana (SD)	11	436	1114	101.3
West Chester	10	367	1022	102.2
St. Cloud State	11	377	1142	103.8
Morningside	11	455	1144	104.0
Hillsdale	11	421	1170	106.4
East Texas State	11	458	1174	106.7
Fort Hays State	11	421	1179	107.2
Butler	10	409	1074	107.4

## FIELD GOALS

	CL	G	FGA	FG	PCT	FGPG
Mike Estrella, St. Mary's (CA)	JR	9	27	15	55.6	1.67
Billy Watkins, East Texas State	JR	11	26	15	57.7	1.36
Roy Miller, Fort Hays State	SR	11	21	15	71.4	1.36
Ed Detwiler, East Stroudsburg	SR	10	25	13	52.0	1.30
Jason Monday, Lenoir-Rhyne	SR	10	15	13	86.7	1.30
Brad Heim, Millersville	JR	10	16	12	75.0	1.20
Kevin Houston, North Carolina Central	FR	11	23	13	56.5	1.18
Jason Tebeaux, Angelo State	SO	7	12	8	66.7	1.14
J.J. Phair, Fort Lewis	JR	10	20	11	55.0	1.10
Chris Pyatt, Central Missouri State	JR	10	18	11	61.1	1.10
Jason Lipke, Ferris State	FR	11	18	12	66.7	1.09
Angel Ronguillo, Eastern New Mexico	SO	9	14	9	64.3	1.00
Joel Yohn, Shippensburg	FR	11	15	11	73.3	1.00
Mike Rowen, Nebraska-Kearney	FR	9	13	9	69.2	1.00
Paul Cramer, Clarion	SO	10	14	10	71.4	1.00
Troy Ford, Elon	SR	10	12	10	83.3	1.00
Bryan Seward, Ashland	JR	11	18	11	61.1	1.00
Jeff Wood, Pittsburg State	SO	11	20	10	50.0	.91
Tom Akers, South Dakota	SO	11	18	10	55.6	.91
Matt Stone, Troy State	SR	11	15	10	66.7	.91
Nathan Salyer, Carson-Newman	JR	10	18	9	50.0	.90
Andy Parr, Wayne State (NE)	FR	9	11	8	72.7	.89
Ludvig Millfors, North Dakota State	SO	8	10	7	70.0	.88
Chris Hogzett, Morningside	FR	11	11	9	81.8	.82
Andre Kwasnik, Gardner-Webb	JR	11	13	9	69.2	.82
Alex Horton, Presbyterian	SR	11	14	9	64.3	.82
Miguel Sagaro, Grand Valley State	SR	11	14	9	64.3	.82
Adam Hallet, American International	SR	10	11	8	72.7	.80
Bill Beall, Bloomsburg	FR	10	13	8	61.5	.80
Adam Vinatieri, South Dakota State	SO	10	13	8	61.5	.80
Tim Wittmer, Butler	SR	10	14	8	57.1	.80
Scott Doyle, Chadron State	FR	10	14	8	57.1	.80
Jason Norton, Catawba	SO	10	13	8	61.5	.80
Scott Winters, Southwest Baptist	SR	10	13	8	61.5	.80



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